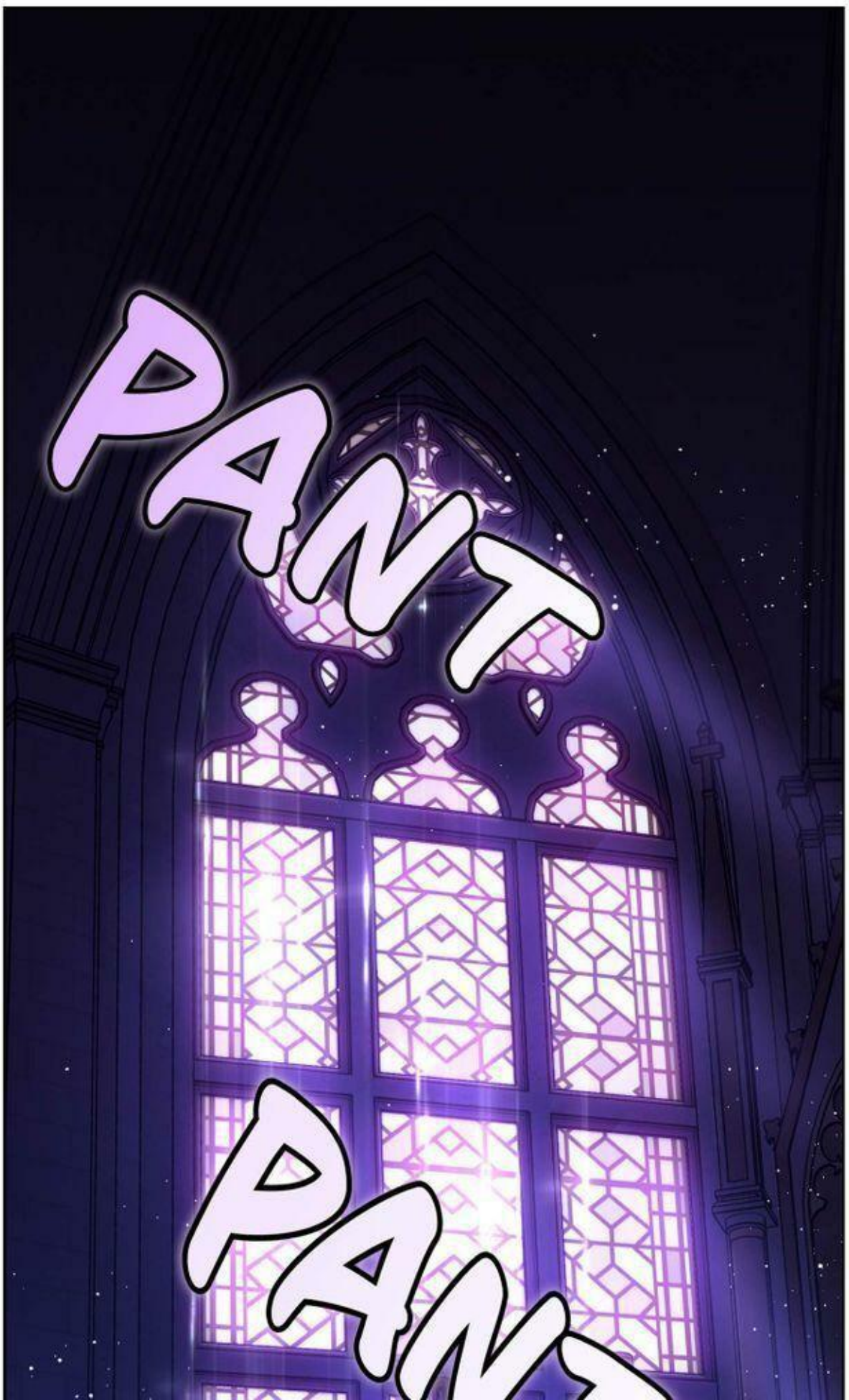

PANT
PANT

NO,
YOUR GRACE.
YOU MUSN'T...

I CAN'T
BEAR TO SIN
ANY LONGER.

AT LEAST,
NOT HERE...
PLEASE...

SIN,
YOU SAY...

THAT'S A WORD

MORE SUITED FOR
ME THAN FOR YOU.

TELL ME.

YOU CHOSE
TO WEAR THAT
BLACK DRESS EVEN
ON A DAY LIKE THIS,
OUR WEDDING DAY.

JUST WHO ARE YOU MOURNING FOR, HM?

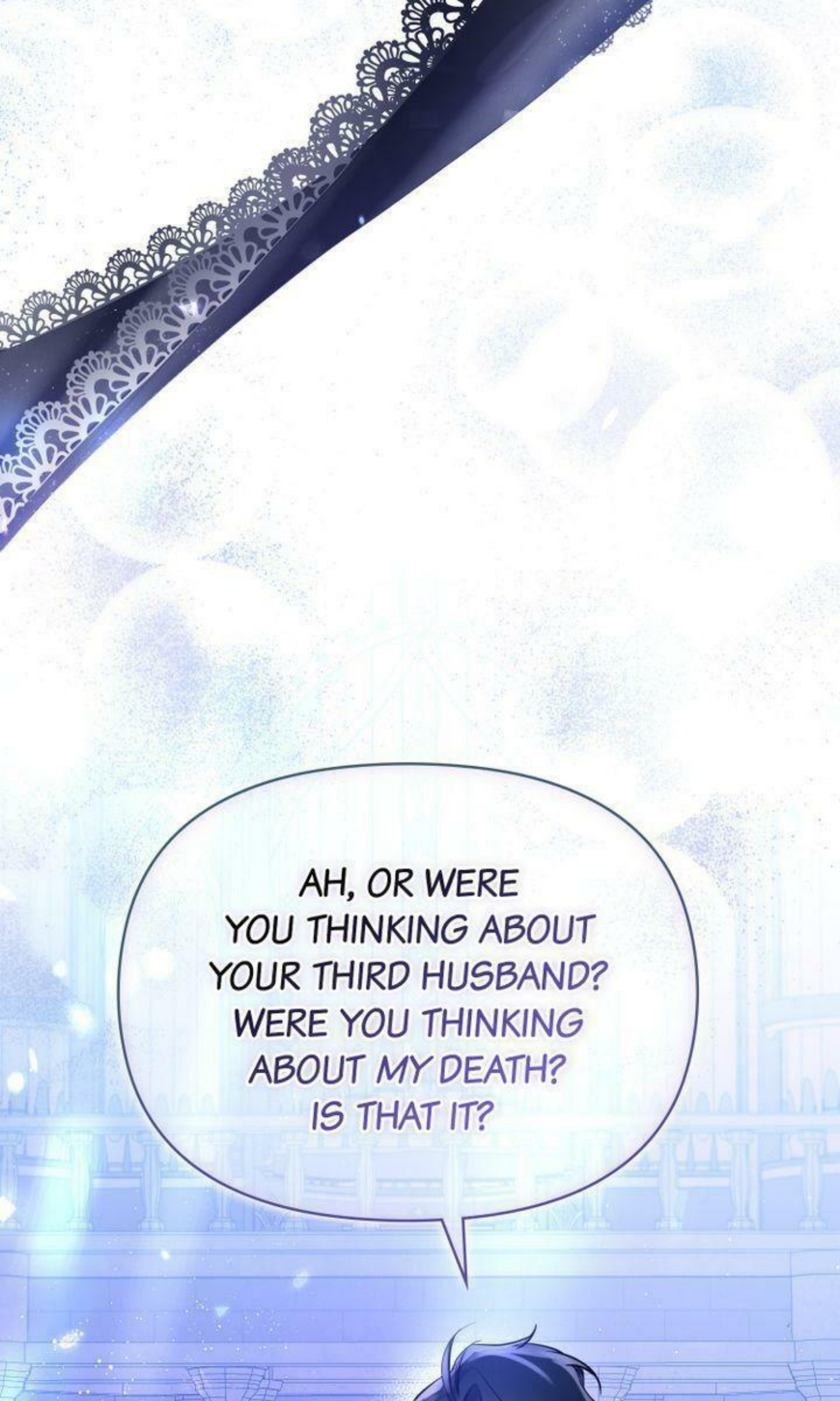
IS IT FOR YOUR FIRST HUSBAND WHO DIED IN WAR?

OR PERHAPS YOUR SECOND HUSBAND WHO SUCCUMBED TO ILLNESS?
SQUEEZE

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.

HONESTLY, I...

RUSTLE


AH, OR WERE
YOU THINKING ABOUT
YOUR THIRD HUSBAND?
WERE YOU THINKING
ABOUT MY DEATH?
IS THAT IT?

I WAS
PRAYING...

FOR
FORGIVENESS...

AND FOR...
MY HUSBAND NOT
TO DIE THIS TIME.

BRUSH...

HOW VERY HONEST OF YOU. WELL DONE.

I CAN'T...
I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE.
WE CAN'T CONTINUE DOING THIS...

IF WE DO,
YOU'LL SURELY DIE.

YOU KNOW OF THE RUMORS ABOUT ME.
MY FIRST TWO HUSBANDS...

WHOOSH

YES, I KNOW.
THEY DIED BECAUSE
OF YOU...

WELL THEN,
THAT'S WHAT I
WANT TOO.

WHOOSH

A WAR HERO

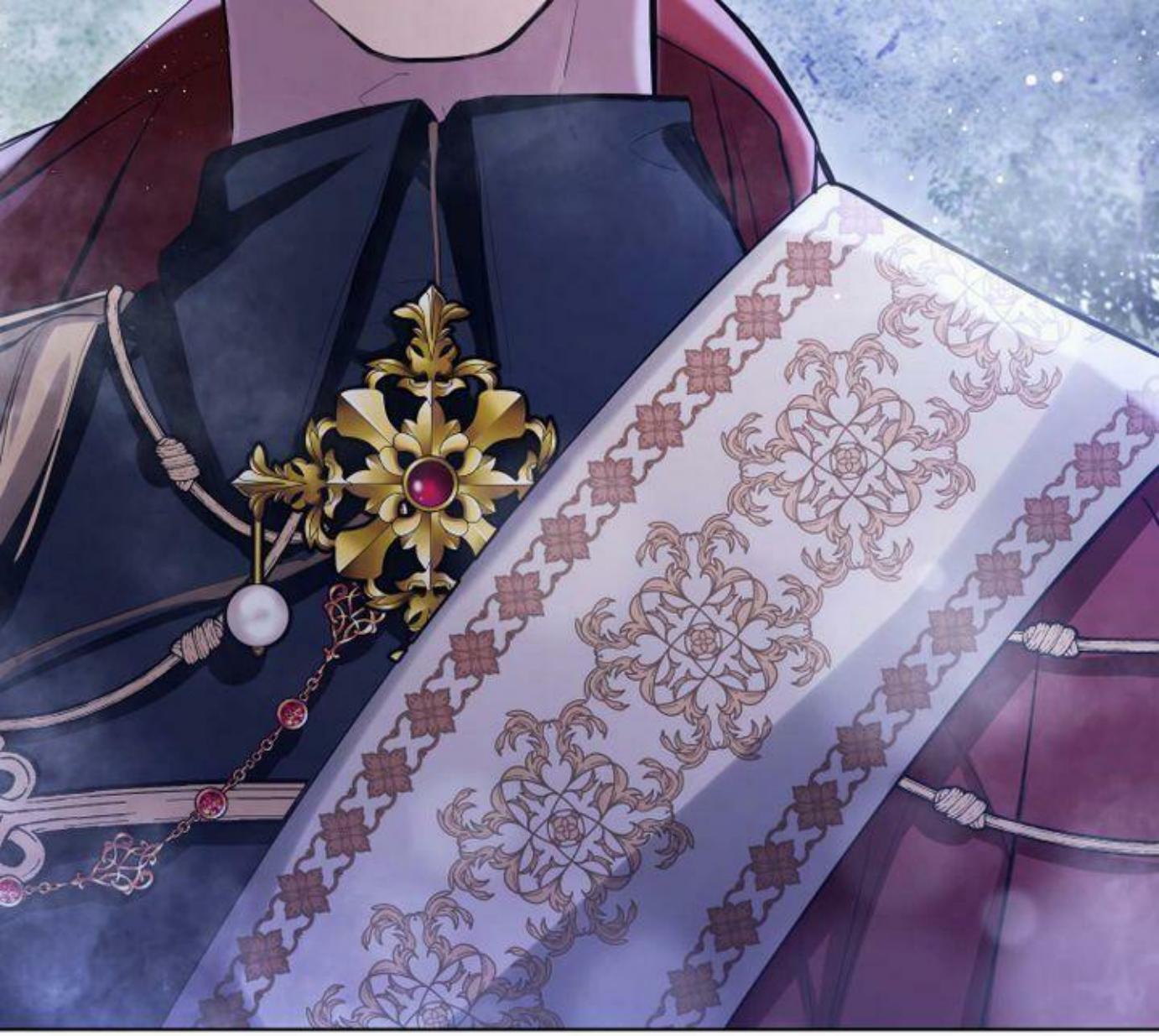
A WAR HERO
INFAMOUS FOR
HIS CRUELTY...

THE ILLEGITIMATE SON OF ONE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS EMPERORS...

HE IS,
AS THEY SAY,

AS UNFORGIVING
AS MOTHER NATURE
HERSELF...

AND AS COLD
AS A BLADE ON
THE BATTLEFIELD.



BUT EVERY
SO OFTEN...

GRASP

I...

LILY...

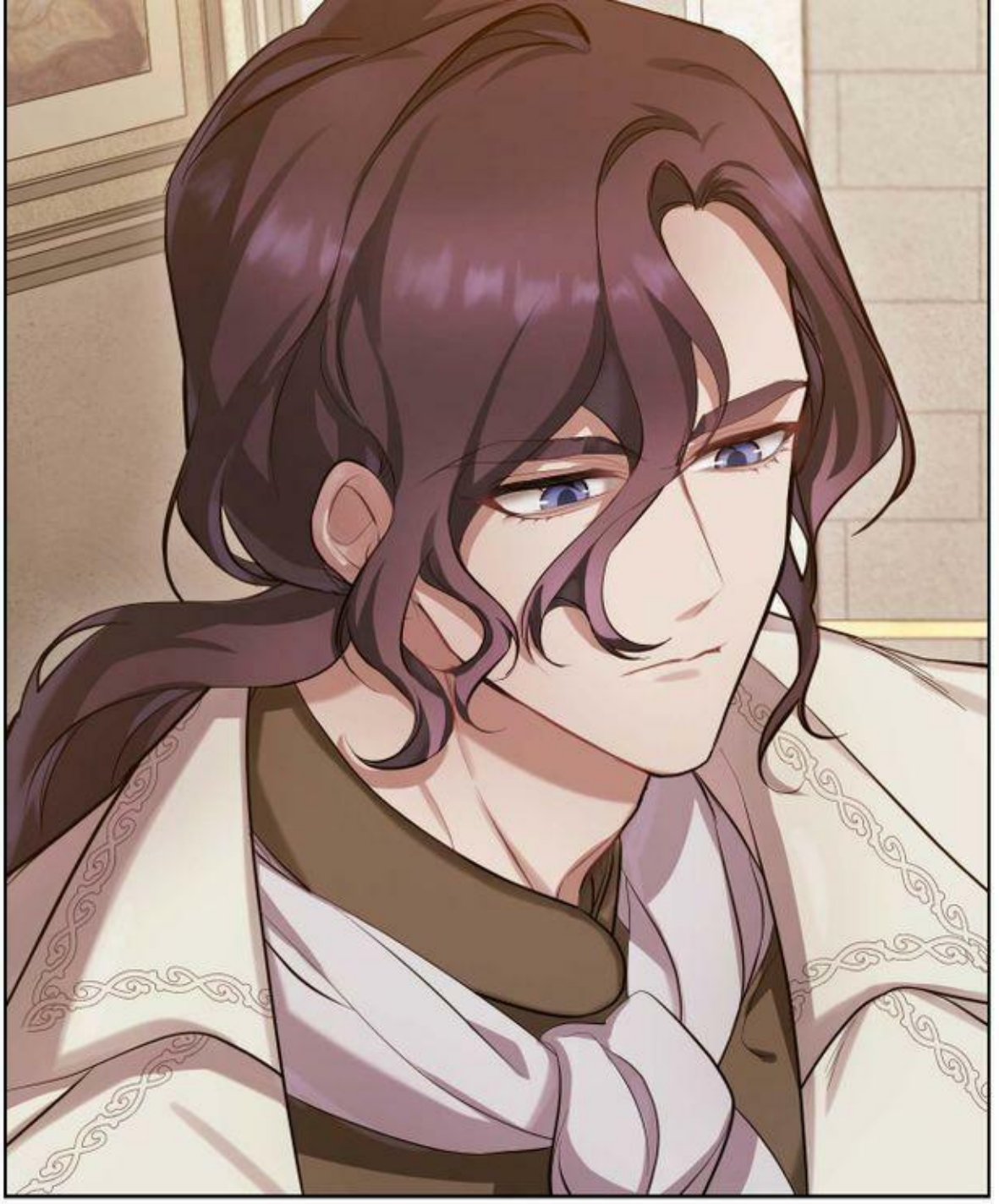
THOUGH YOU KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT ME...

HE BECOMES BUT
A VULNERABLE
MAN WITH AN
ACHING HEART...

A MAN
WHO CHOSE
TO SURRENDER
HIMSELF

TO A FAINT
YET GRAVELY
IRRESISTIBLE LOVE.

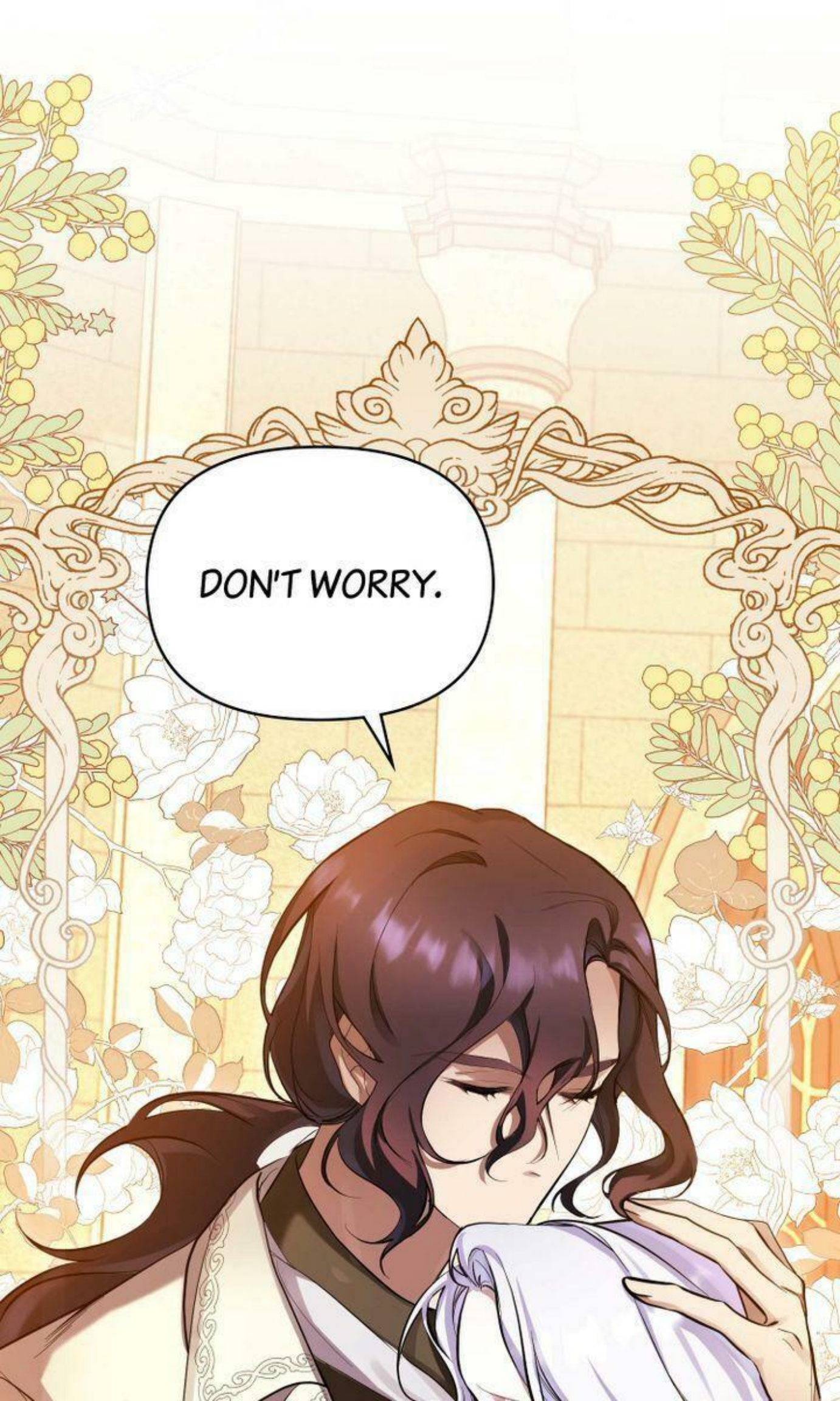
TRISTAN...



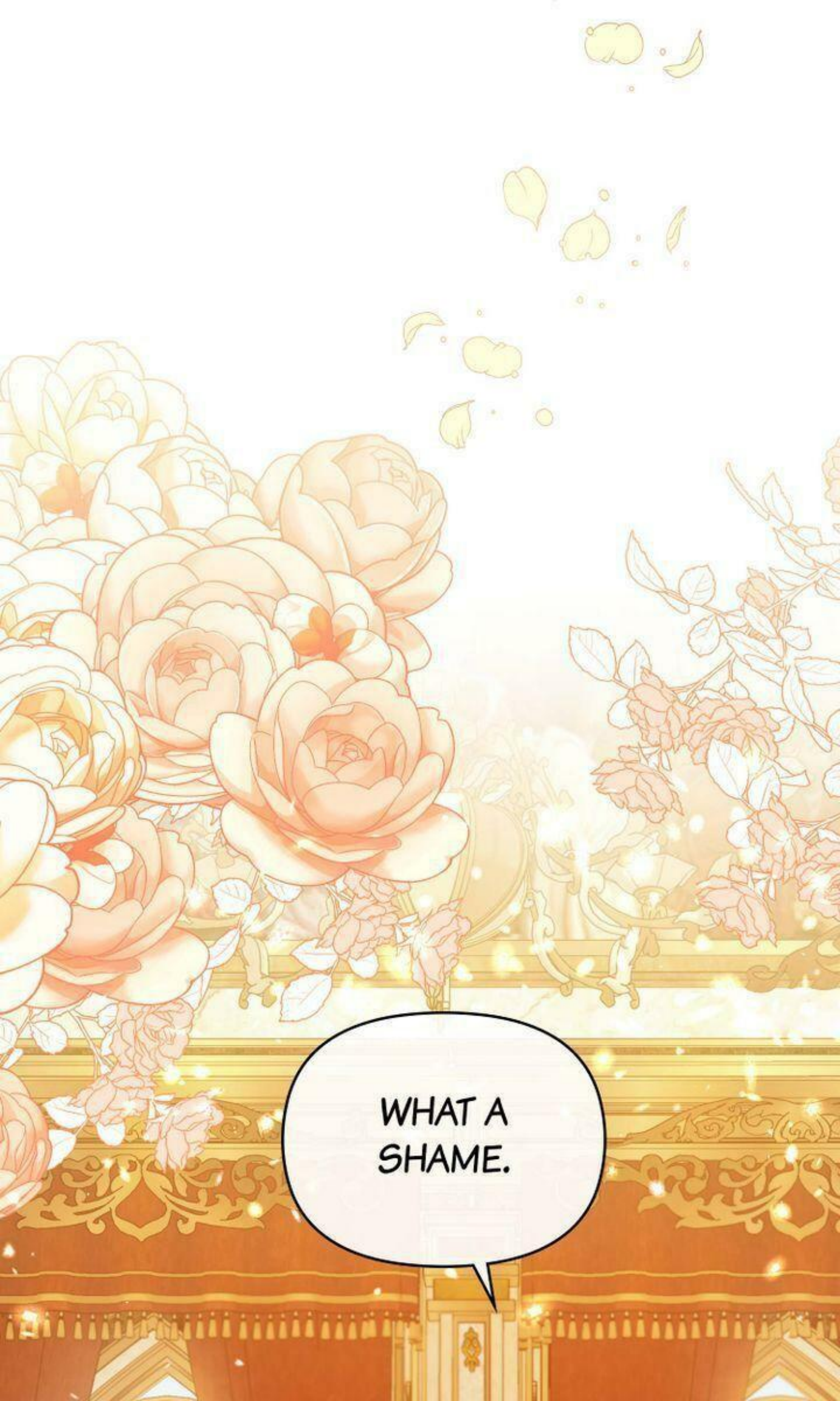
DO I...

REALLY HAVE TO

REALLY HAVE TO
MARRY HIM?


DON'T WORRY.

I'LL BE BY YOUR SIDE...
THIS TIME TOO.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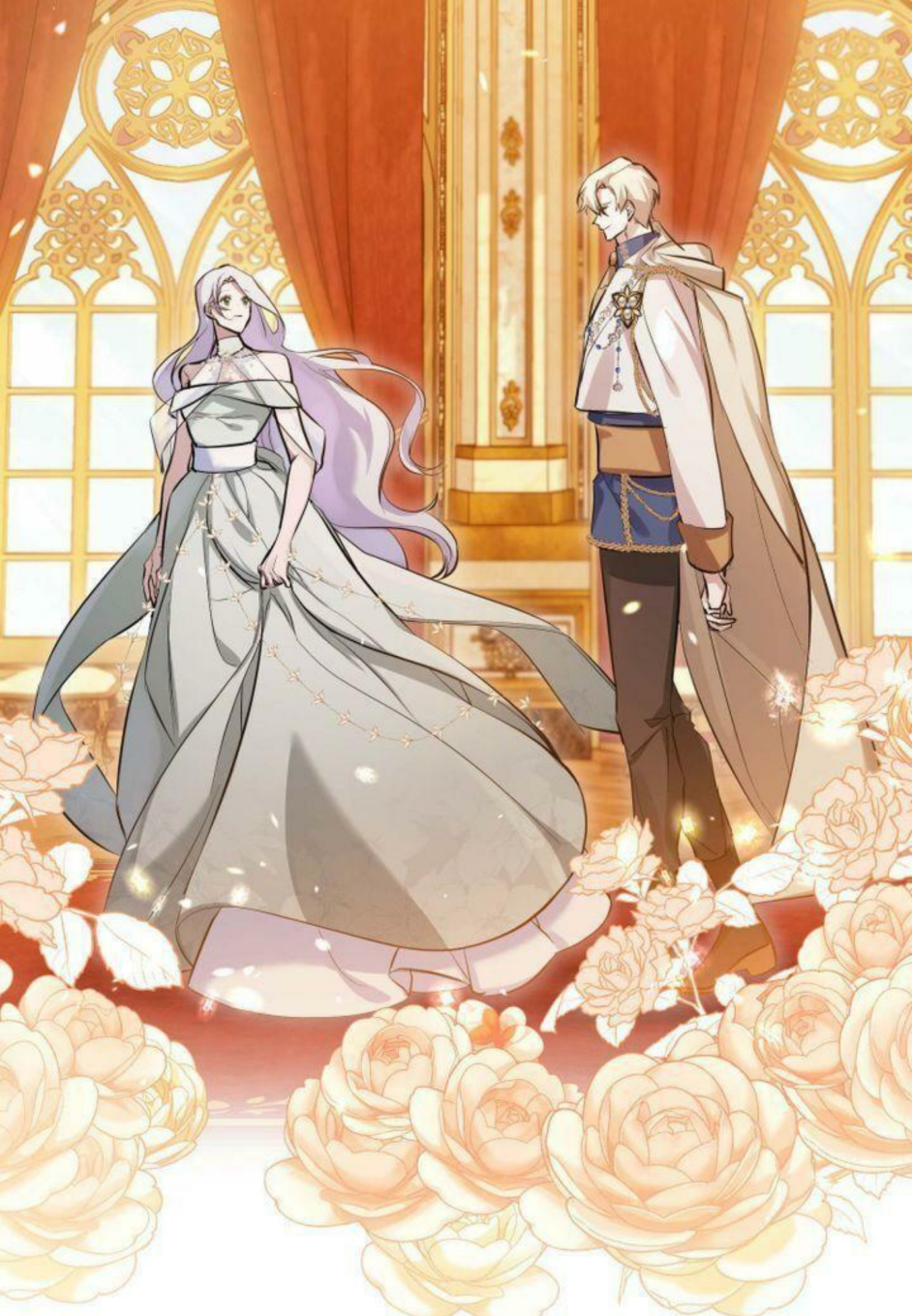
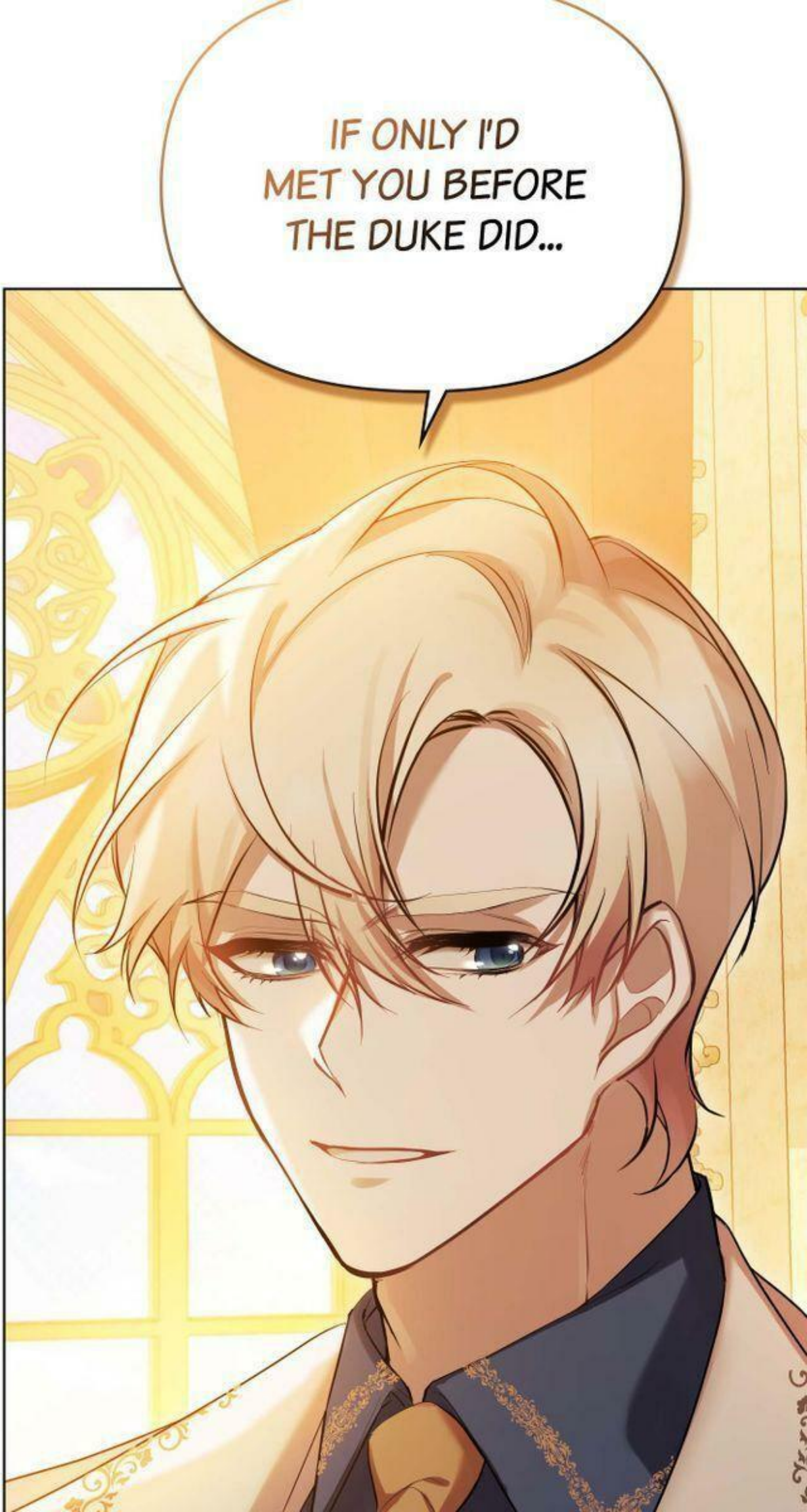
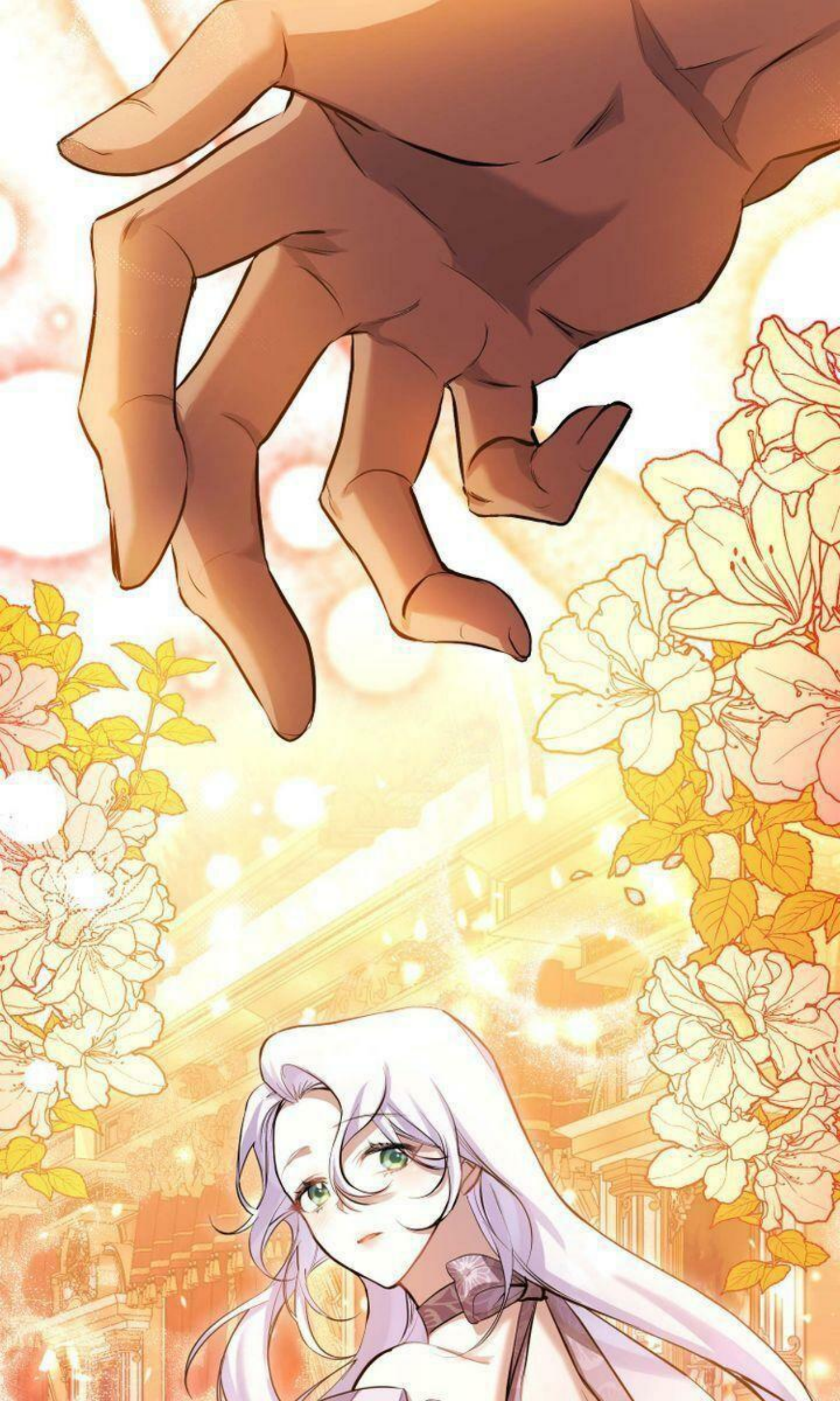
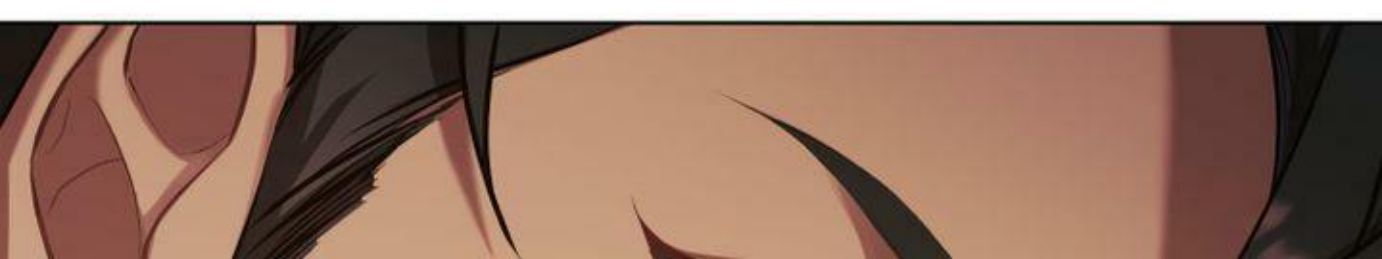



IF ONLY I'D
MET YOU BEFORE
THE DUKE DID...

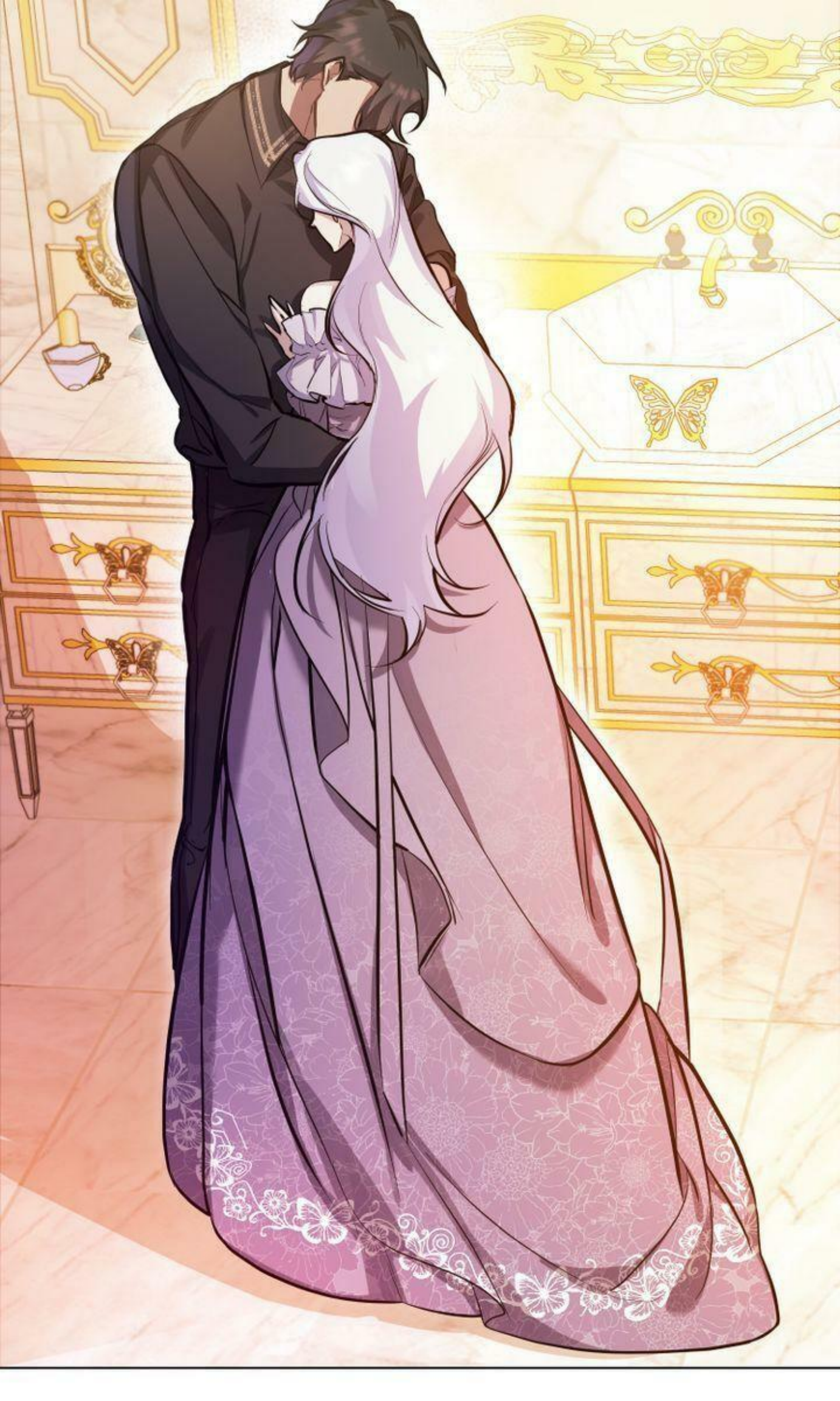
I...



ONE DAY,
YOU'LL GROW TERRIBLY
FRIGHTENED BY ME.



BUT, EVEN IF YOU PLEAD AND BEG FOR YOUR FREEDOM...
I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO.

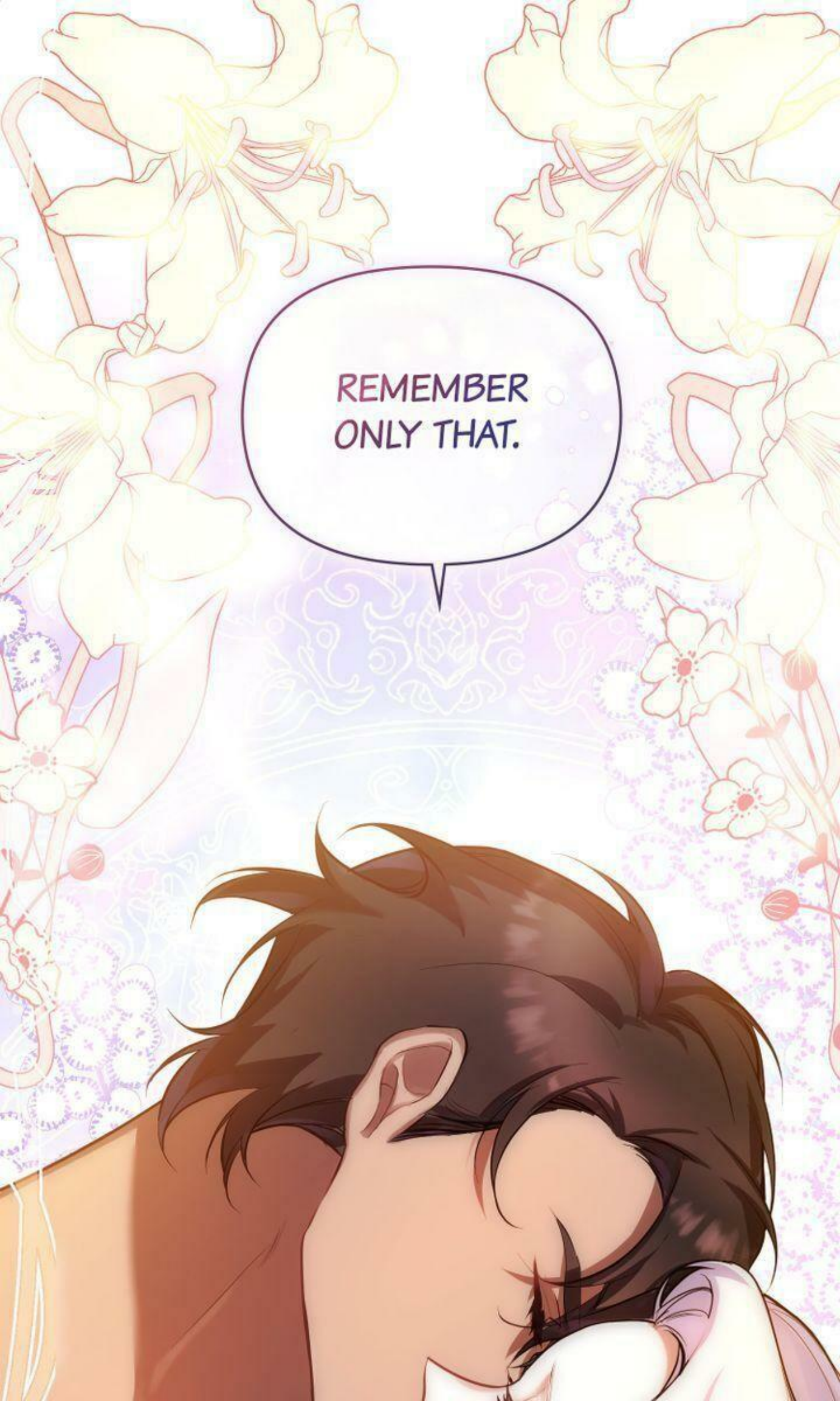


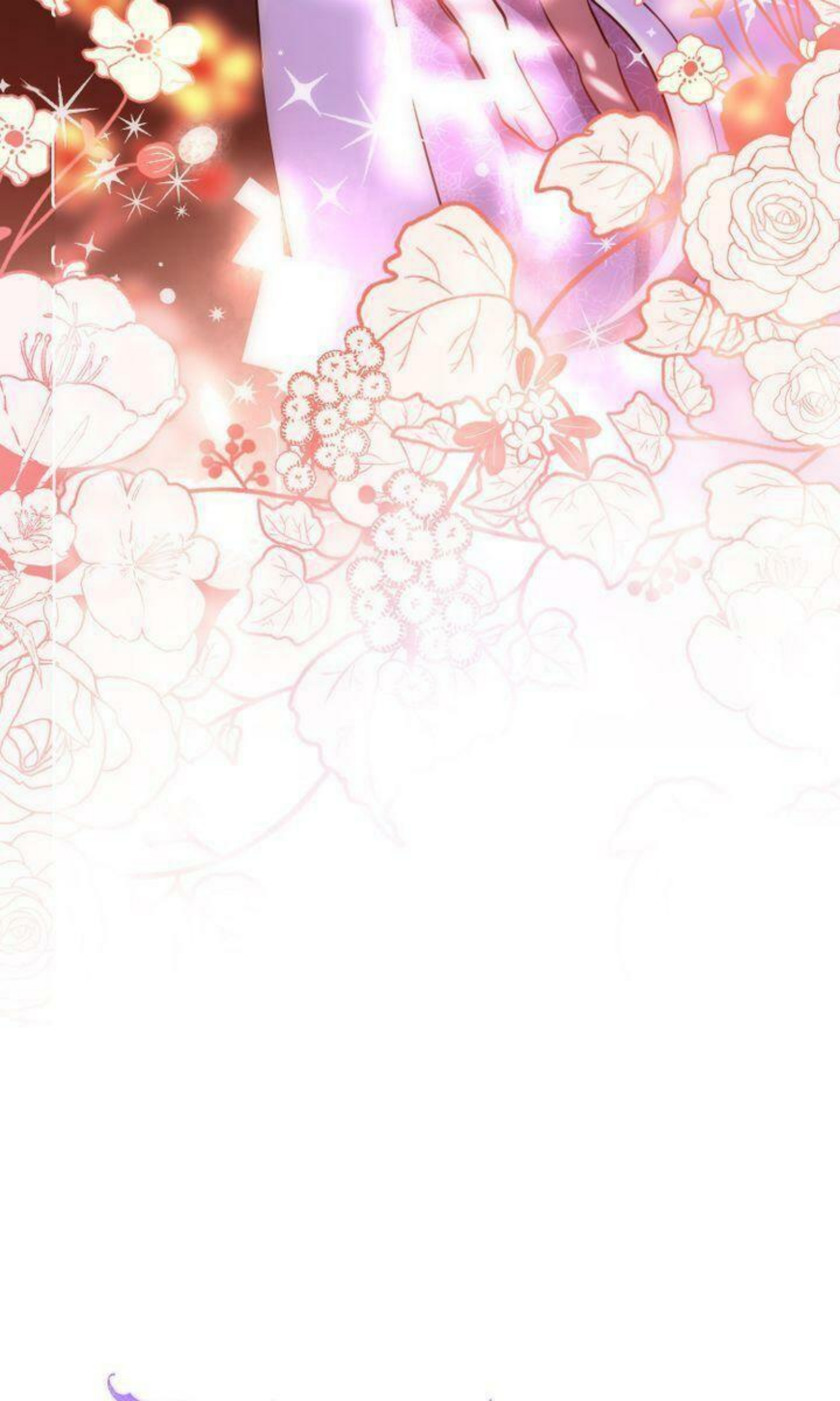
BUT KNOW THIS...

THUMP

I VOW TO MAKE YOU HAPPY...

SO MUCH SO
THAT YOU FORGET
YOU EVER HAD ANY
THOUGHTS OF
LEAVING.


REMEMBER
ONLY THAT.



Disobey the Duke if You Dare

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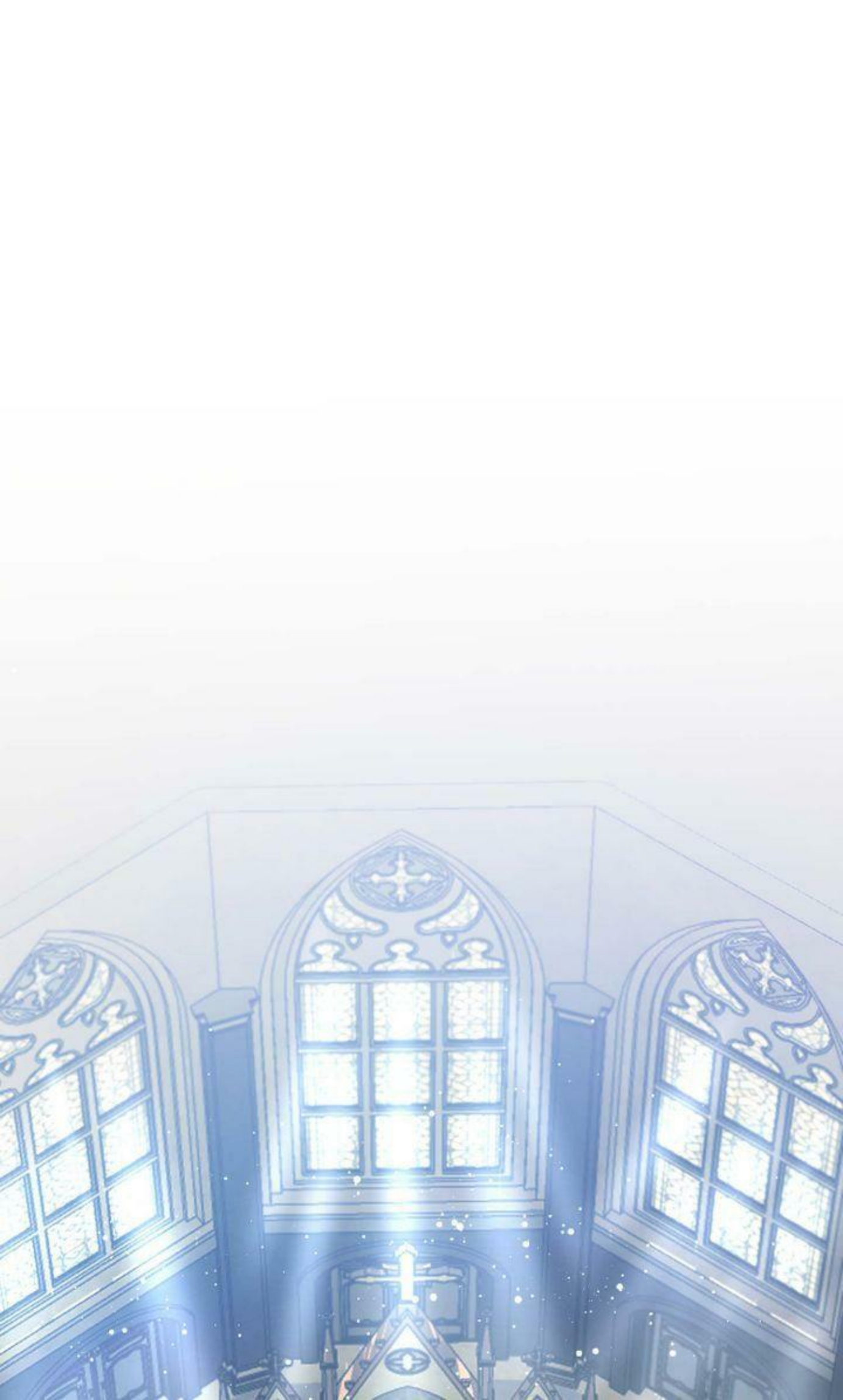
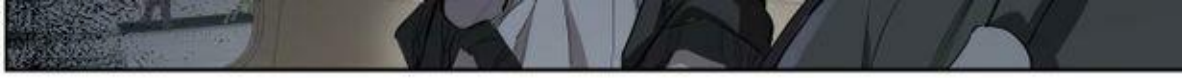


SHE'S SHAMELESS, I TELL YOU.

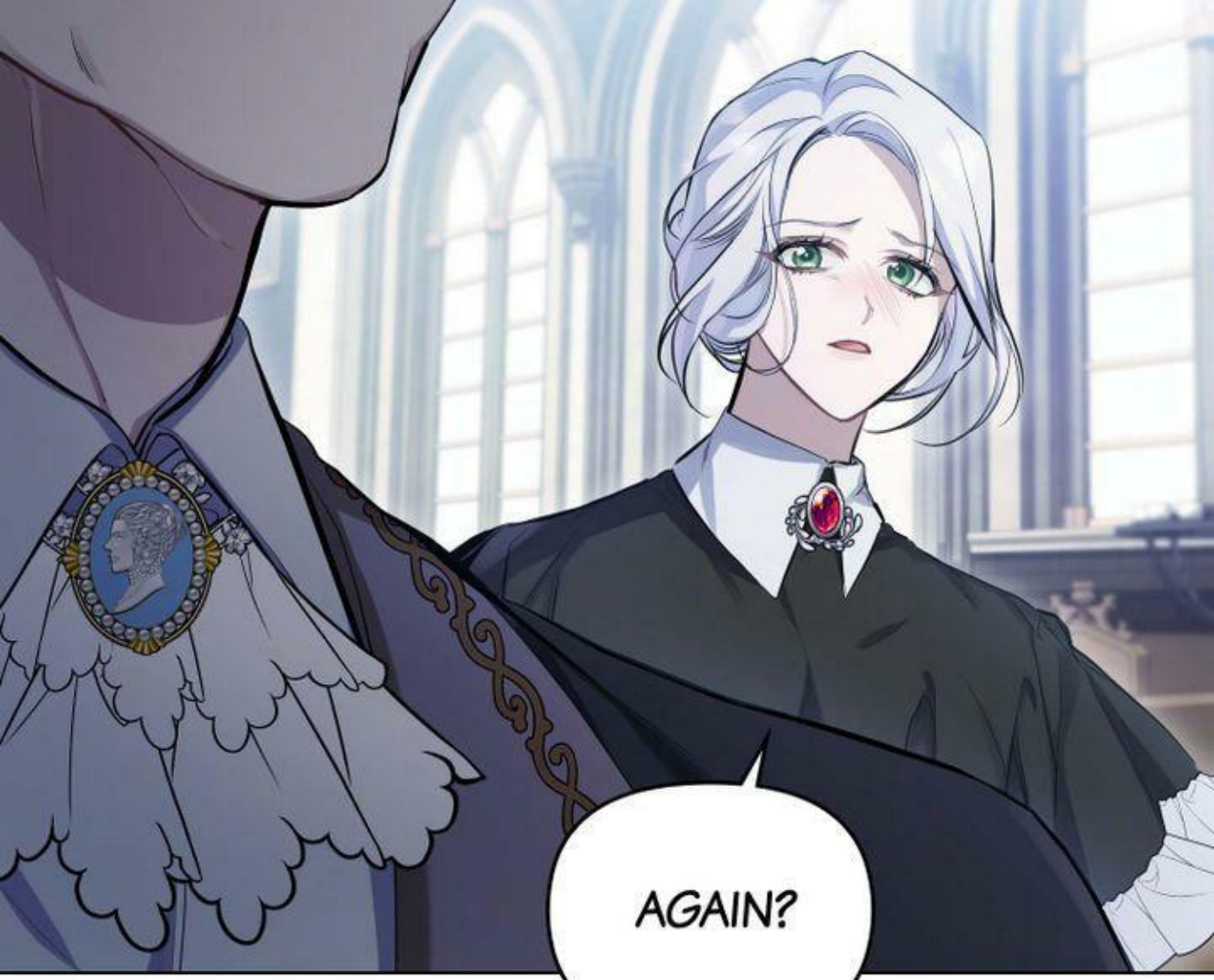
SHE'S A GOLD-DIGGER, THAT'S WHAT SHE IS...



BUT, SERIOUSLY.
WHO WOULD WANT TO
MARRY HER THIS TIME?
BOTH HER PREVIOUS
HUSBANDS ARE NOW
SIX FEET UNDER...

WELL, YOU NEVER KNOW. A THIRD HUSBAND COULD VERY WELL JUST SHOW UP OUT OF THE BLUE...

STEP...
YOU'LL NEED TO PREPARE FOR YOUR NEXT MARRIAGE AS SOON AS YOU RETURN.


AGAIN?
WHY
MUST I...

IT'S TIME YOU MOVE ON FROM THE VISCOUNT'S FAMILY.

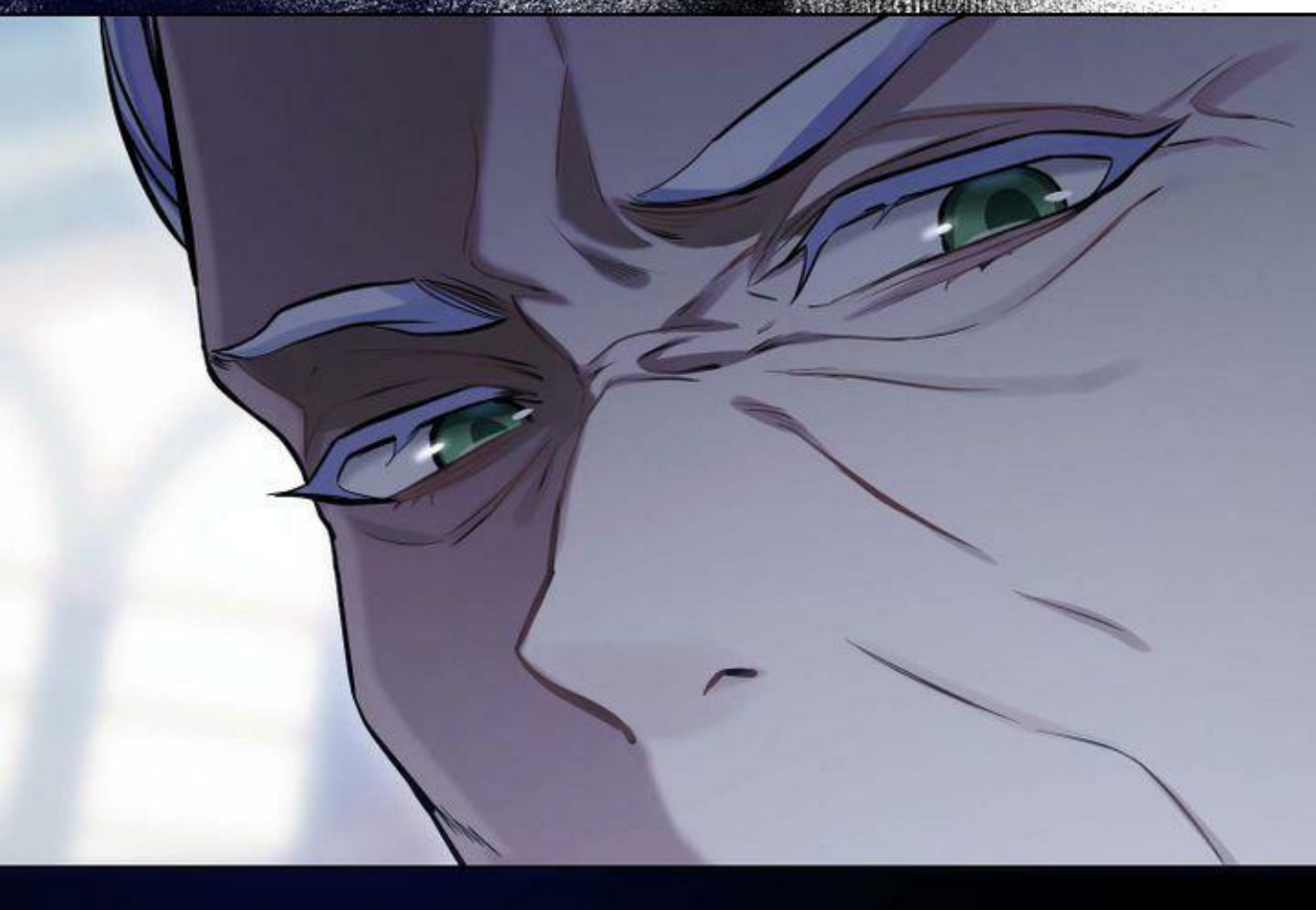
AND BESIDES,
I HAVE NO INTENTION
OF KEEPING A CHILDLESS
COMMONER IN
MY FAMILY.
...OH MY,
DON'T TELL ME
YOU'VE GROWN
ATTACHED TO YOUR
DEAD HUSBAND?

JUST MOVE ON, LILY. YOUR NEXT MARRIAGE WILL BE TO A DUKE.

B-BUT, FATHER...! HOW COULD YOU?! MY HUSBAND'S FUNERAL PROCEEDINGS AREN'T EVEN OVER YET!

CLENCH
.....

...WHAT IF I SAY I CAN'T GET MARRIED?



LILY, DO YOU WANT YOUR SIBLINGS TO GROW UP ON THE STREETS? HM?

DO YOU WANT THEM TO LIVE THE WAY YOU DID WHEN YOU WERE

A CHILD?

LEAN!!

LILY, GROWING UP WITHOUT A MOTHER'S BEEN HARD ENOUGH FOR THEM. YOUR SIBLINGS NEED SOMEONE THEY CAN RELY ON... THEY NEED THEIR OLDER SISTER.

AND, AS THE ELDEST CHILD, IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FEND FOR THEM.

SEE THAT YOU BEAR A CHILD THIS TIME AROUND...

NO MATTER HOW
UNBEARABLE AND
MONSTROUS YOUR FUTURE
HUSBAND MAY BE.

SQUEEZE

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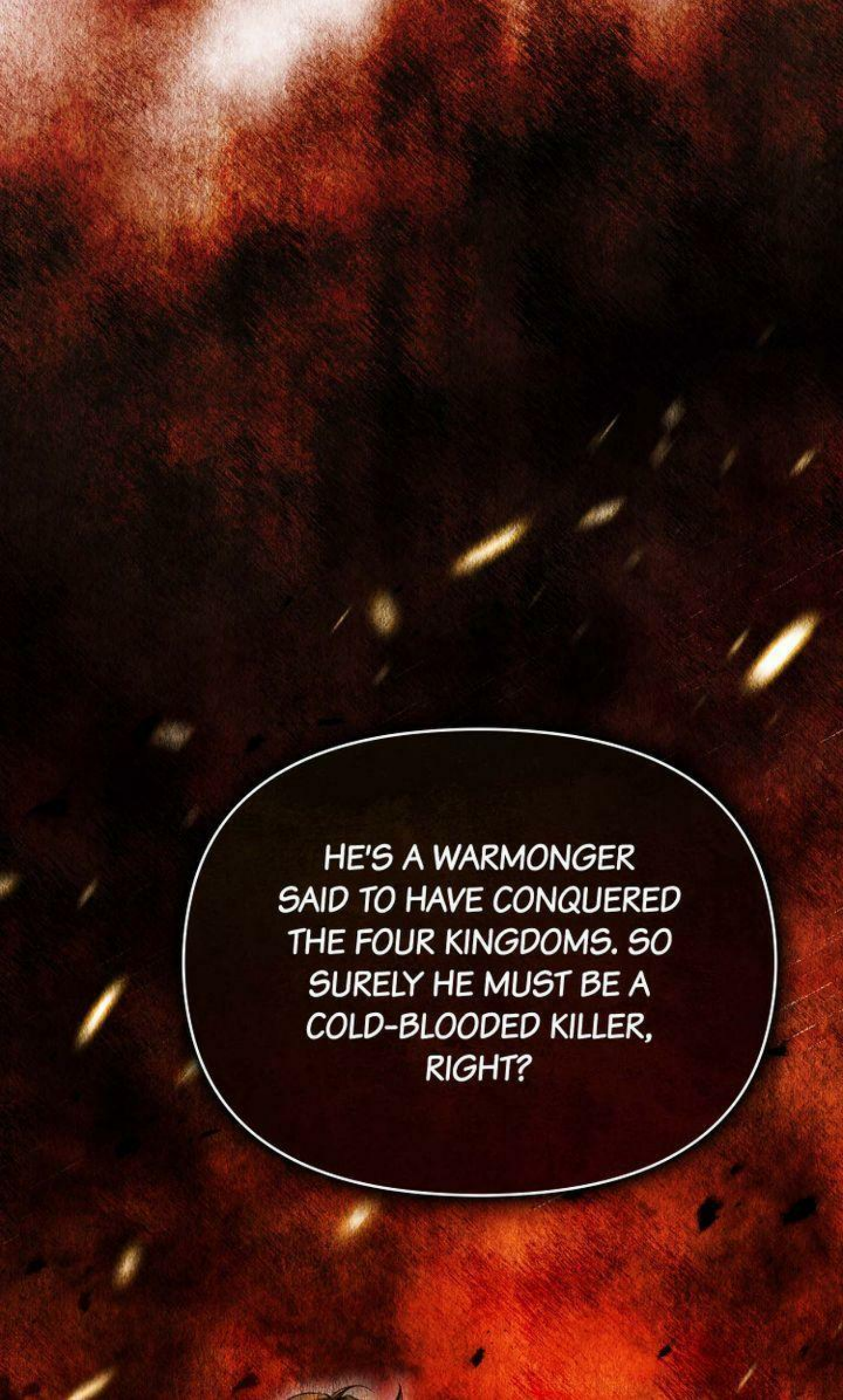
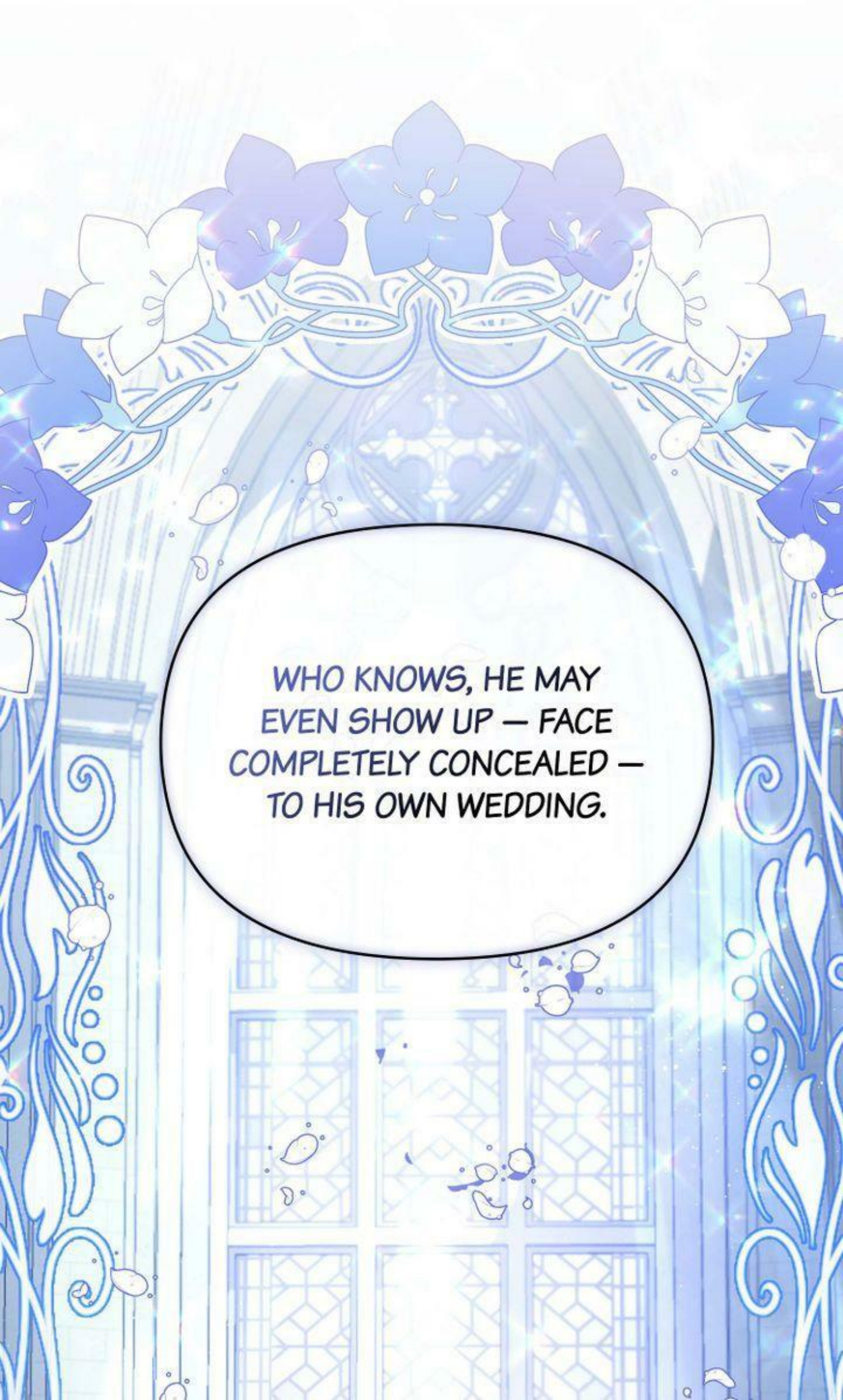

HE'S A WARMONGER SAID TO HAVE CONQUERED THE FOUR KINGDOMS. SO SURELY HE MUST BE A COLD-BLOODED KILLER, RIGHT?

ROYAL BLOOD MAY FLOW THROUGH HIS VEINS, YET HE'S STILL THE ILLEGITIMATE CHILD BORN OF AN UNHOLY MONSTER.


WHO KNOWS, HE MAY EVEN SHOW UP — FACE COMPLETELY CONCEALED — TO HIS OWN WEDDING.

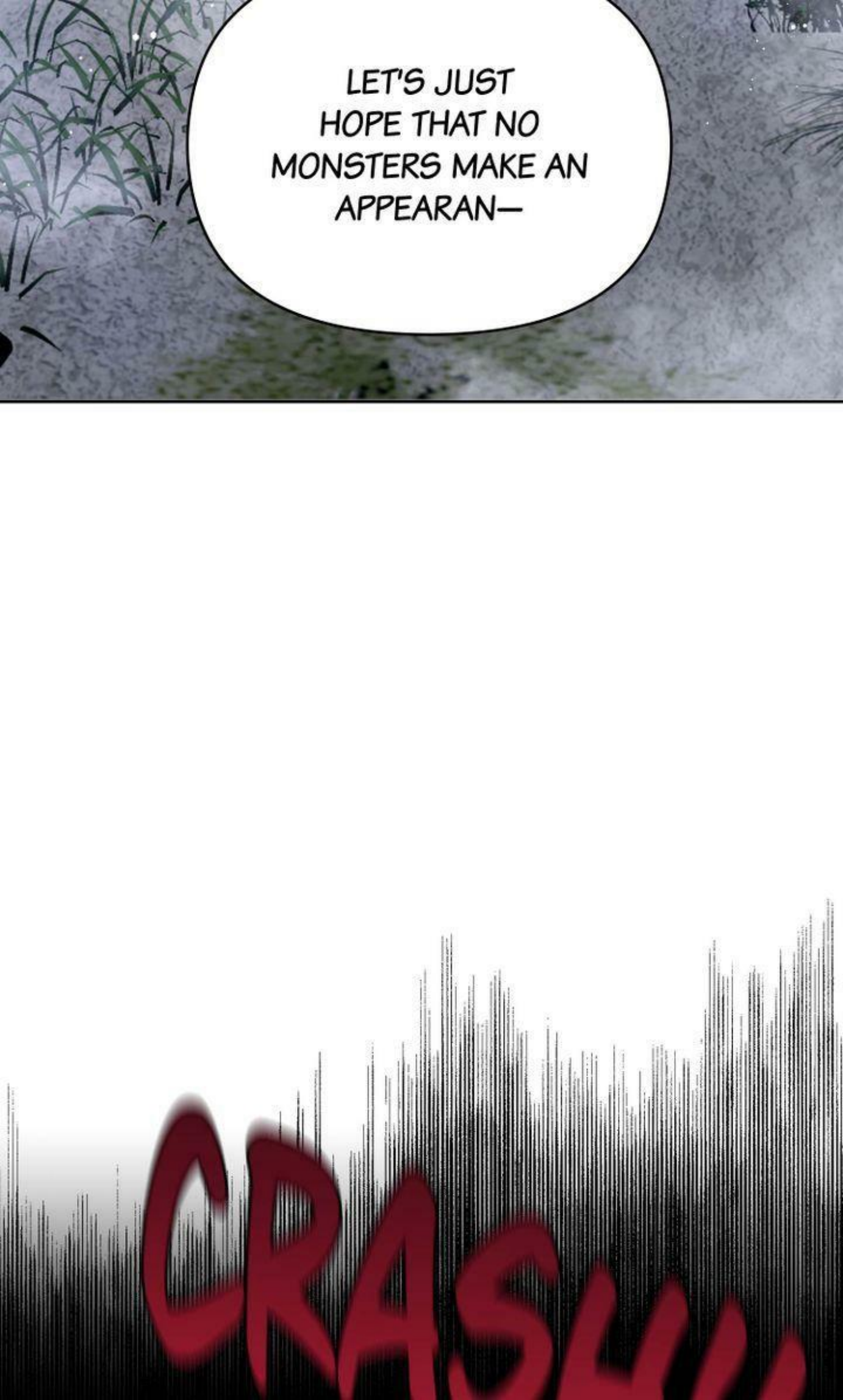
AND NEVER
MIND REVEAL HIS FACE,
WOULD HE EVEN ESCORT
YOU PROPERLY?
PERHAPS NOT...
CLIP
CLOP
HAA...
MY, MY, WHAT AN
EXHAUSTING MARRIAGE
THIS IS TURNING
OUT TO BE.

QUITE. MY FATHER'S EVEN SENT A NANNY TO KEEP WATCH OVER ME... DESPITE THE FACT THAT I'M ALREADY GROWN AND TWICE MARRIED.

YES, WELL...
IN ANY CASE, SEE TO IT THAT YOU DO AS YOU'RE TOLD.
AHEM...

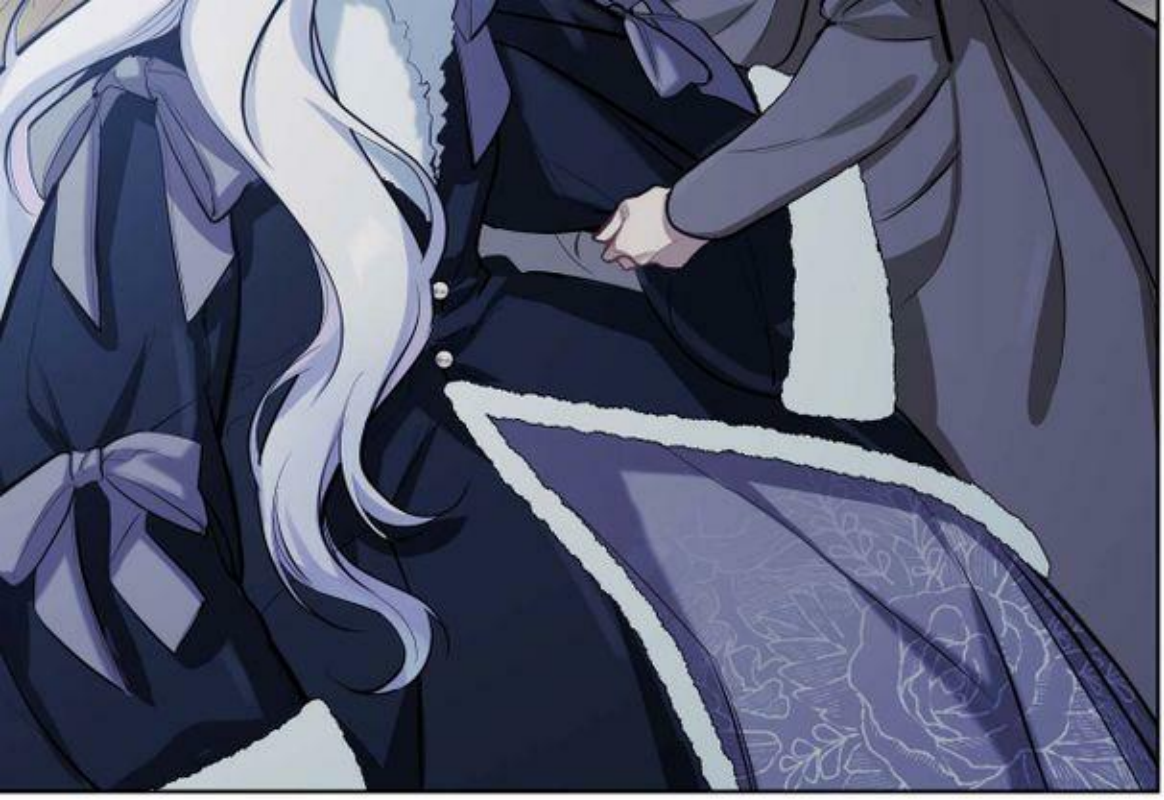
I HEARD HE HAS A GRAND ESTATE... THOUGH IT'S IN A DESOLATE

IT'S IN A DESOLATE WASTELAND.

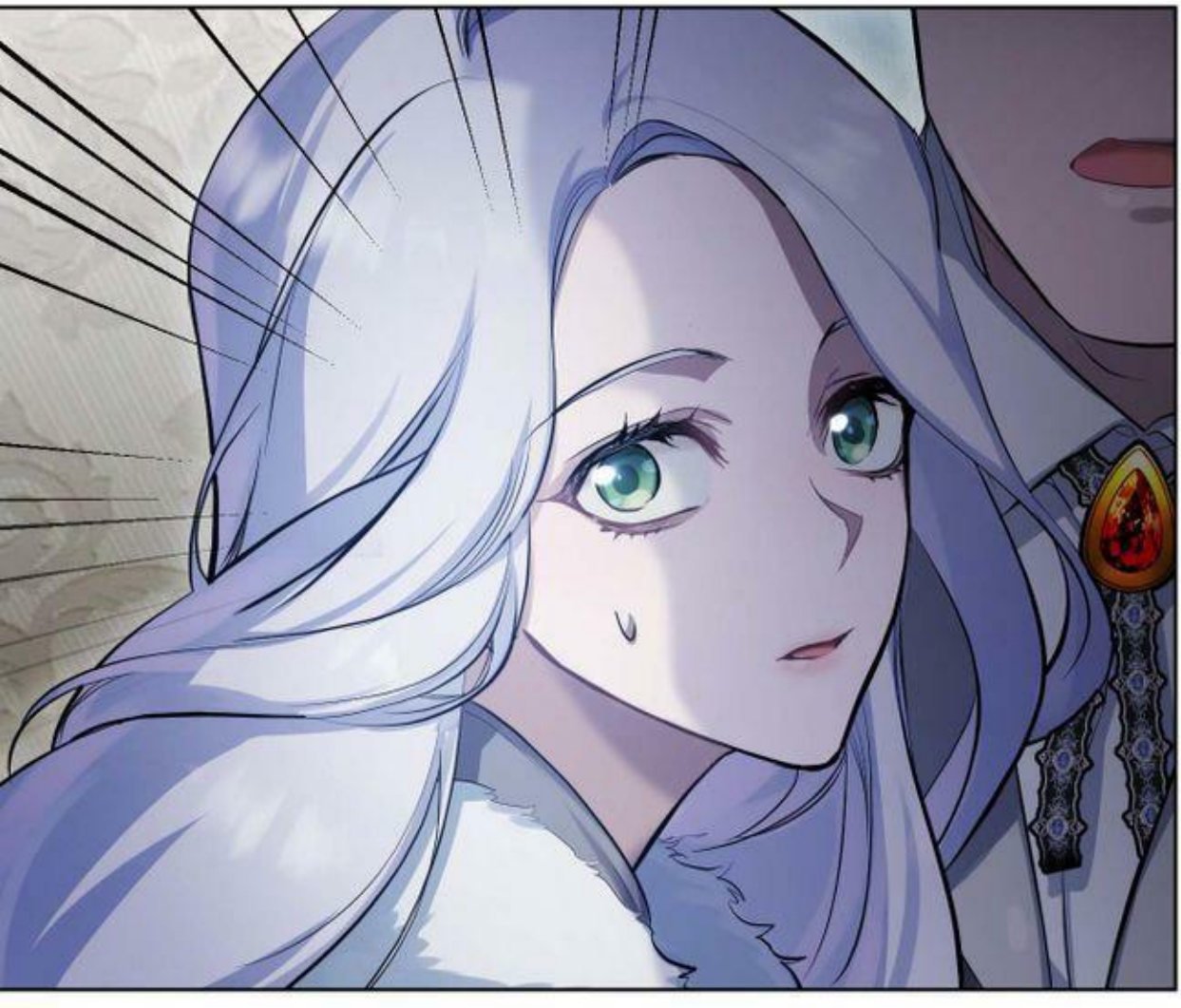

LET'S JUST HOPE THAT NO MONSTERS MAKE AN APPEARAN—
CRASH

M-MONSTER!
QUICK! PROTECT
THE LADY!

MY LADY,
IF WE DIE, WE MUST
DIE HERE TOGETHER!



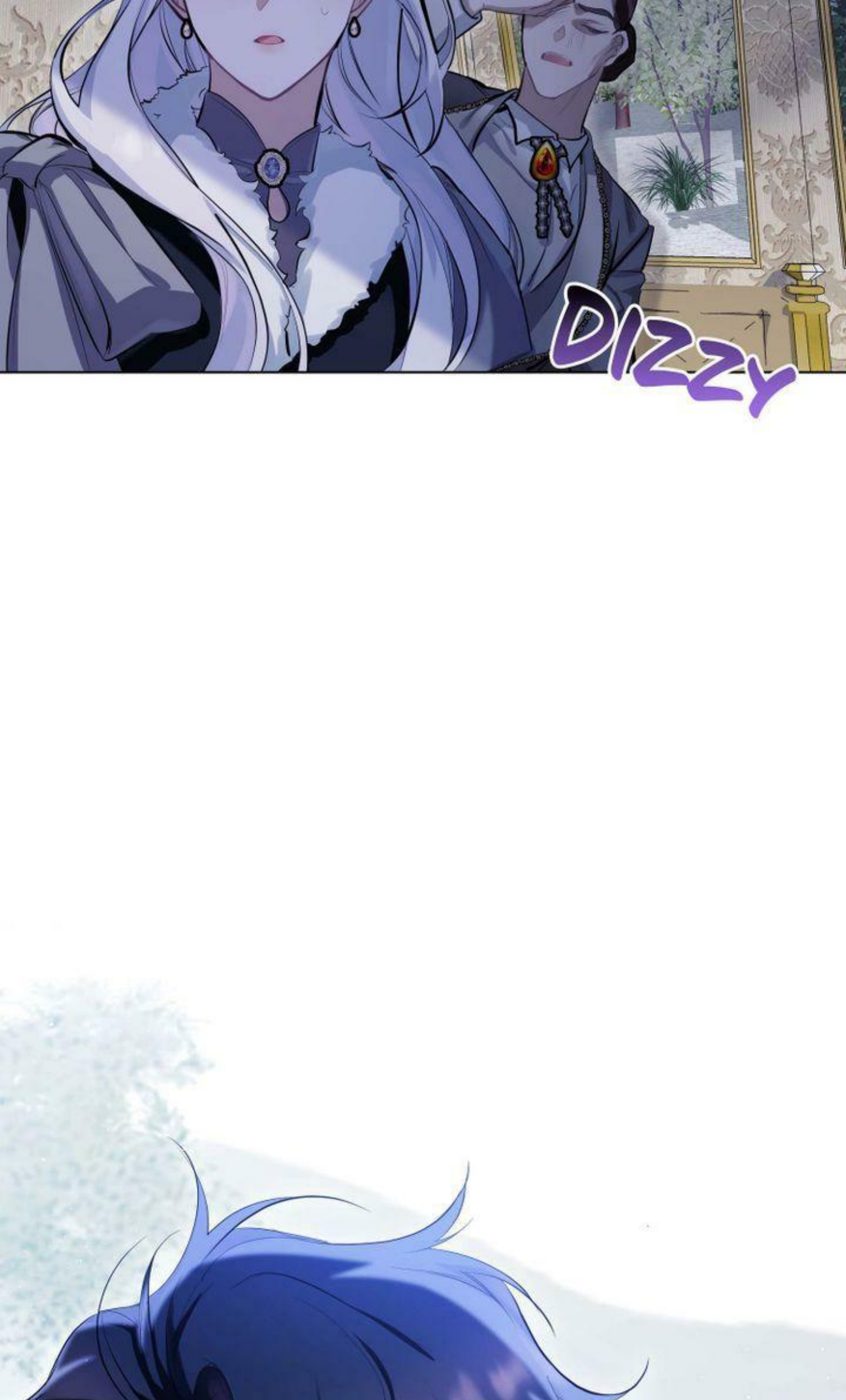
IF YOU
GET SO MUCH AS A
SCRATCH ON YOUR FACE,
YOUR HUSBAND WILL...



STAB

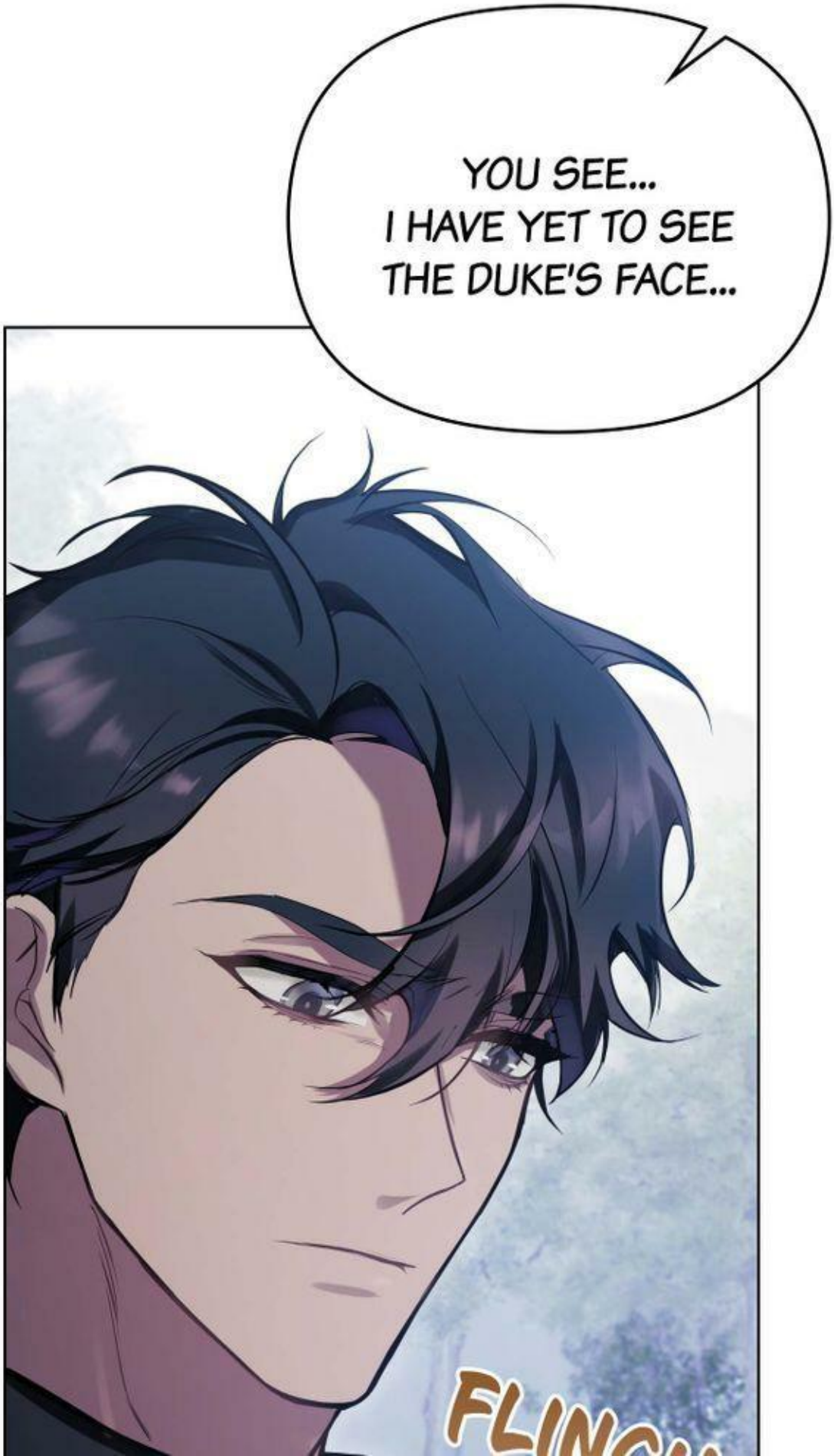
SLASH

WH-WHO...
OH MY...

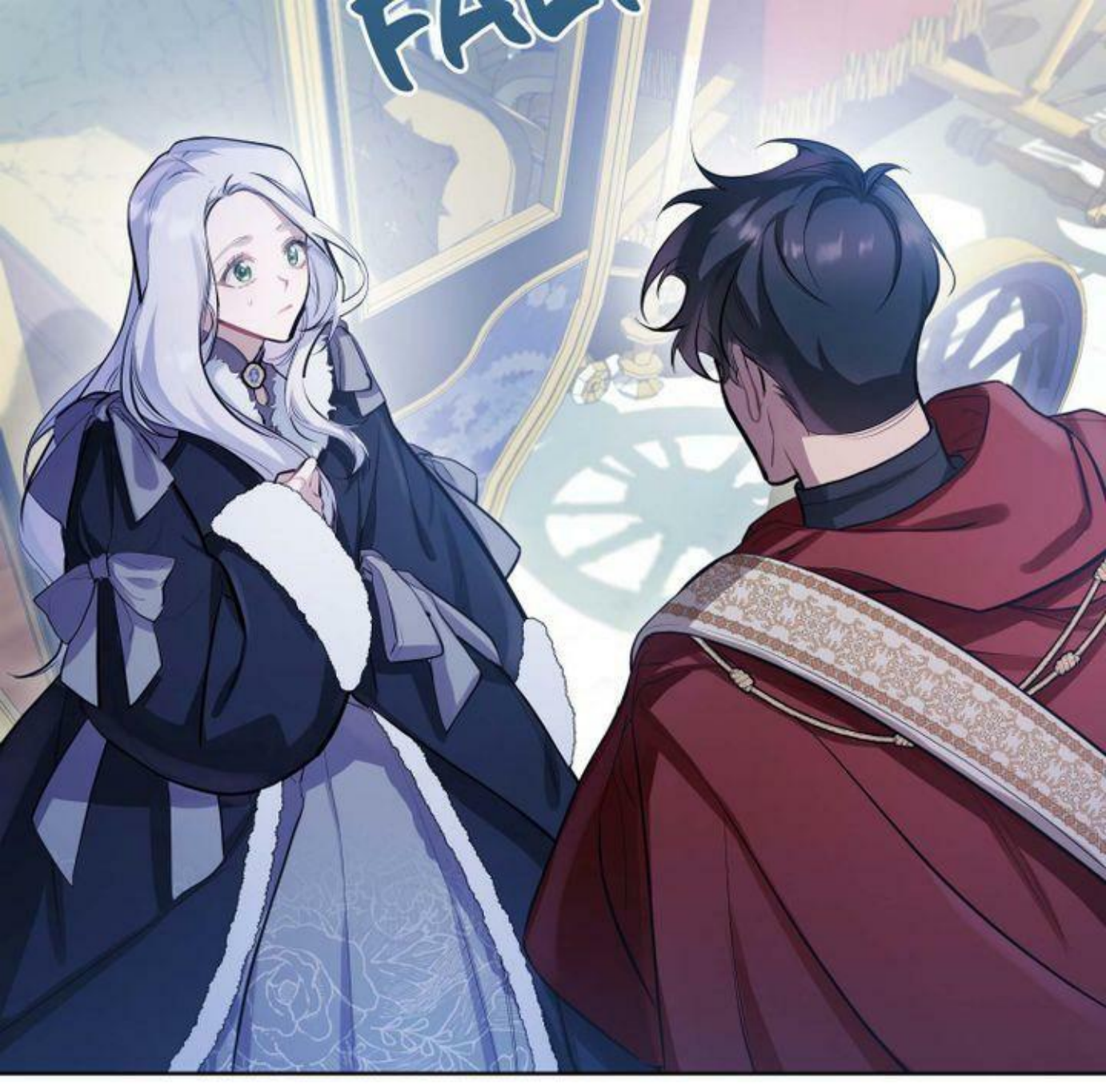

DIZZY

ARE... ARE
YOU P-PERHAPS...
THE DUKE?

IF NOT, THEN
MY APOLOGIES...


YOU SEE...
I HAVE YET TO SEE
THE DUKE'S FACE...

WHY ISN'T HE SAYING ANYTHING?



COULD HE BE FIGHTING THE MONSTER ALONE?

OR COULD HE BE A KNIGHT COMMANDER

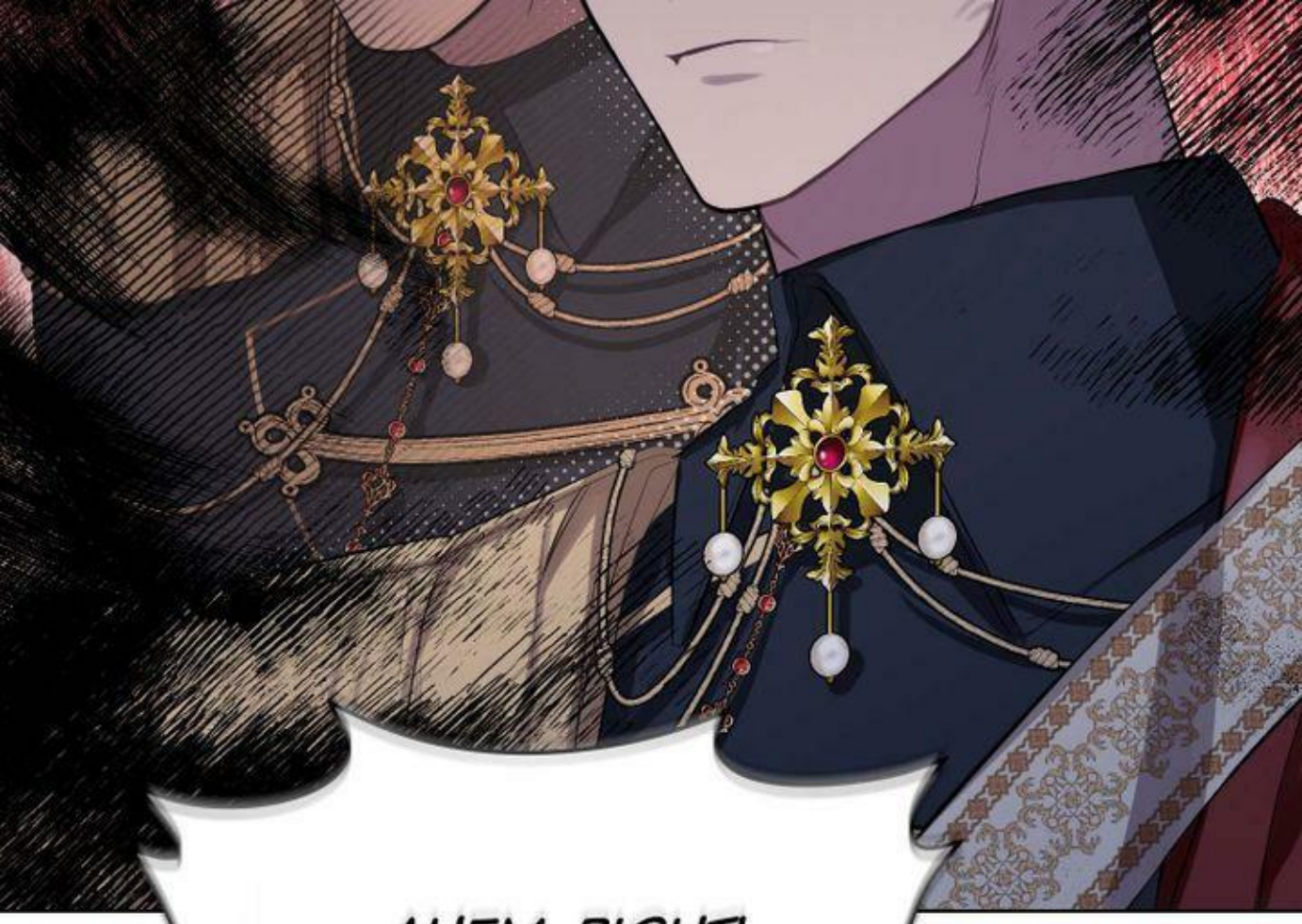
HEADING A BATTALION?

WE'RE IN TROUBLE!

WE'VE SPOTTED A RATHER BIG ONE LURKING AROUND HERE!

UNFORTUNATLEY, WE STILL HAVE A WAY TO GO. WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THE LADY...?
GLANCE

GLARE



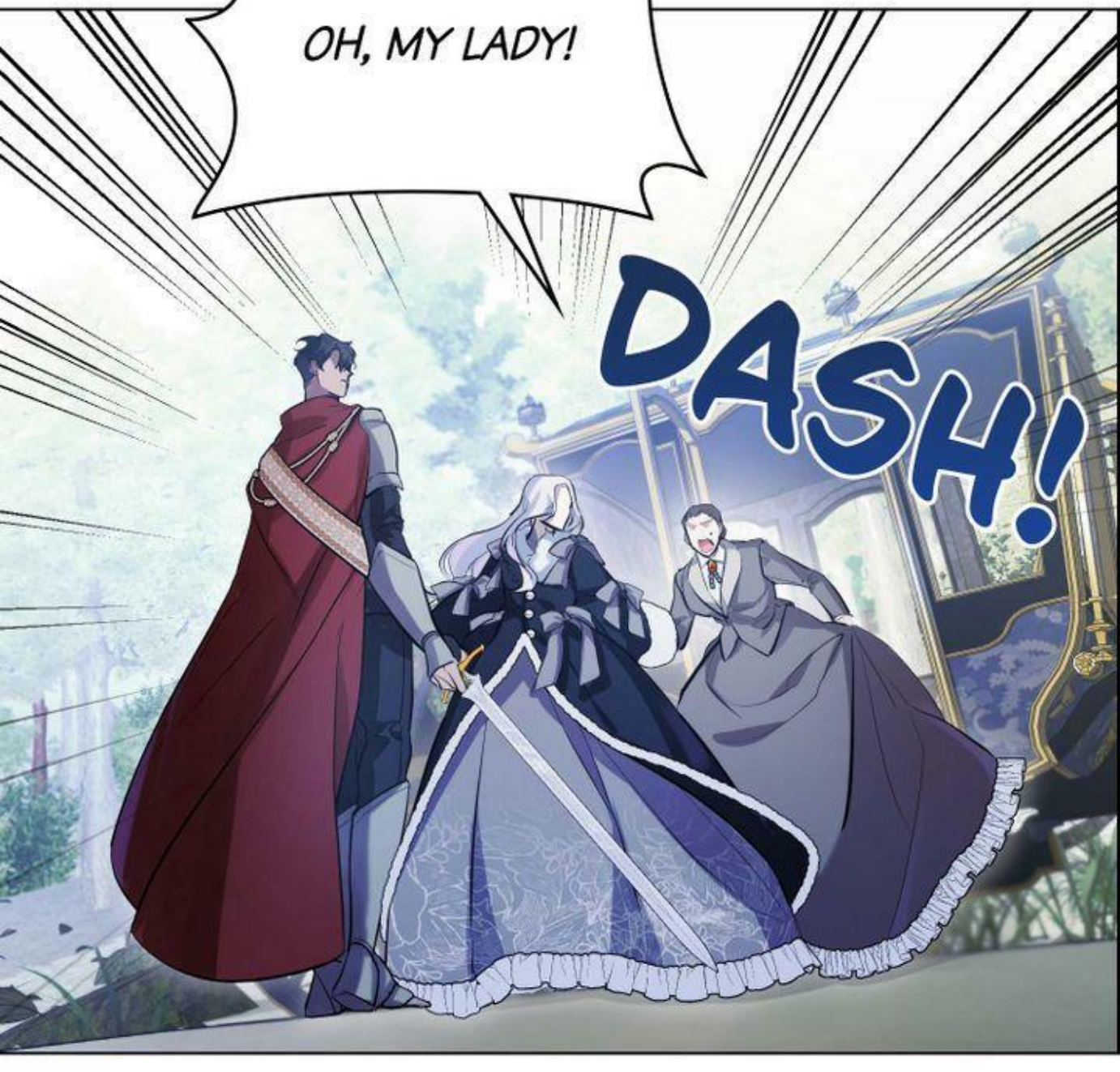
...AHEM, RIGHT!
I'LL MOBILIZE THE
OTHERS AND HAVE HER
ESCORTED SAFELY!

P-PARDON ME,
SIR...

BUT... WILL YOU BE FIGHTING THE MONSTER ALONE?

I KNOW IT TAKES AN ORDER OF KNIGHTS TO HANDLE SUCH A LARGE BEAST...

PLEASE KNOW,
YOU DON'T HAVE TO
DO THIS FOR ME—



YOU'RE NOT
HURT, ARE YOU?
YOU CAN'T HAVE A

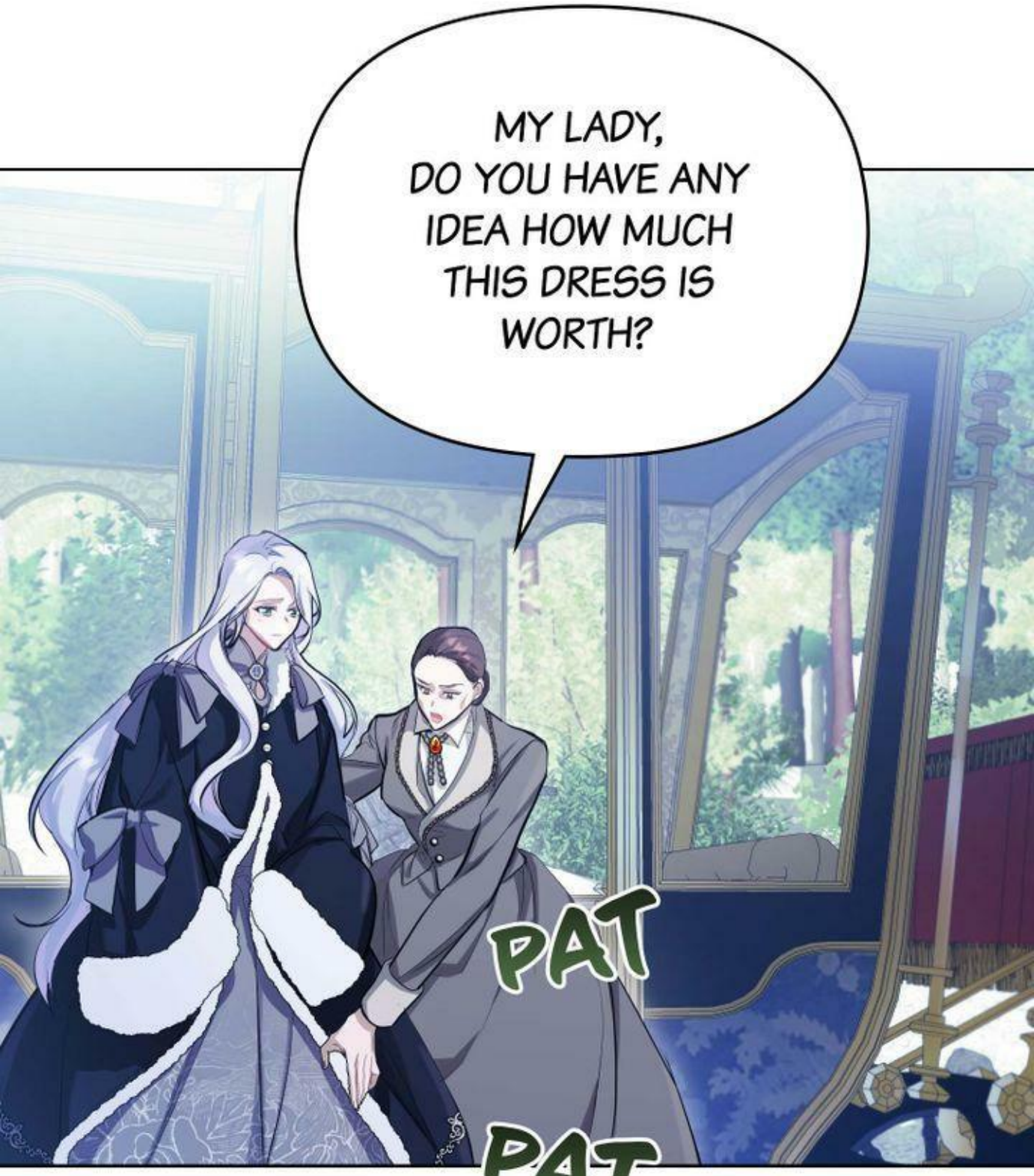
SINGLE SCRATCH
ON YOU...
STEP

TALLIN,

SEE THAT MY WIFE MAKES IT TO THE CASTLE. I'LL STAY BEHIND AND TAKE CARE OF THE MONSTER.

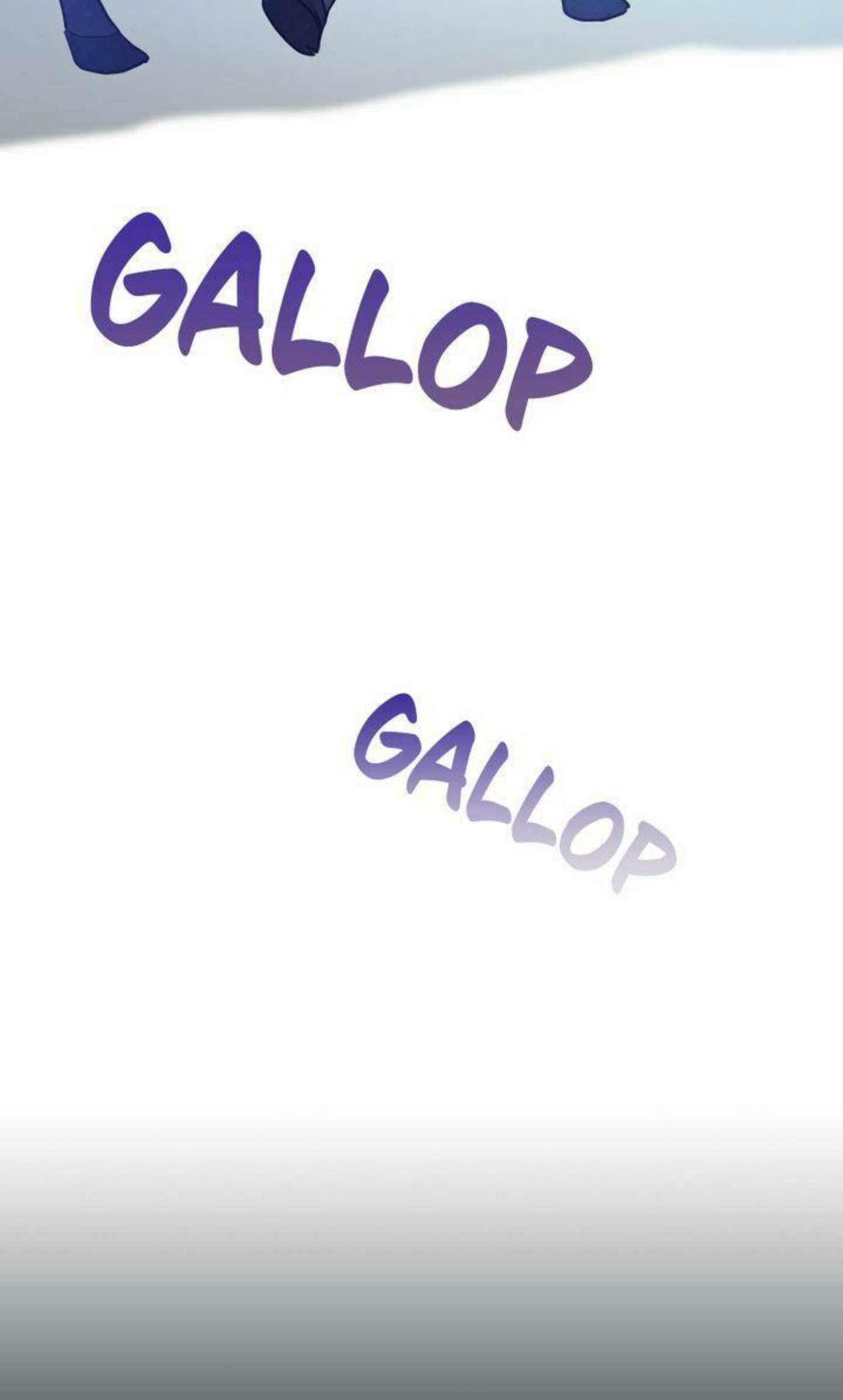
AND DO

SOMETHING ABOUT THAT HANDMAIDEN.
I TOLD YOU TO STAY PUT!


MY LADY,
DO YOU HAVE ANY
IDEA HOW MUCH
THIS DRESS IS
WORTH?
PAT
PAT
PAT

JUST WHO EXACTLY...

SHOULD BE AFRAID OF WHOM?


GALLOP
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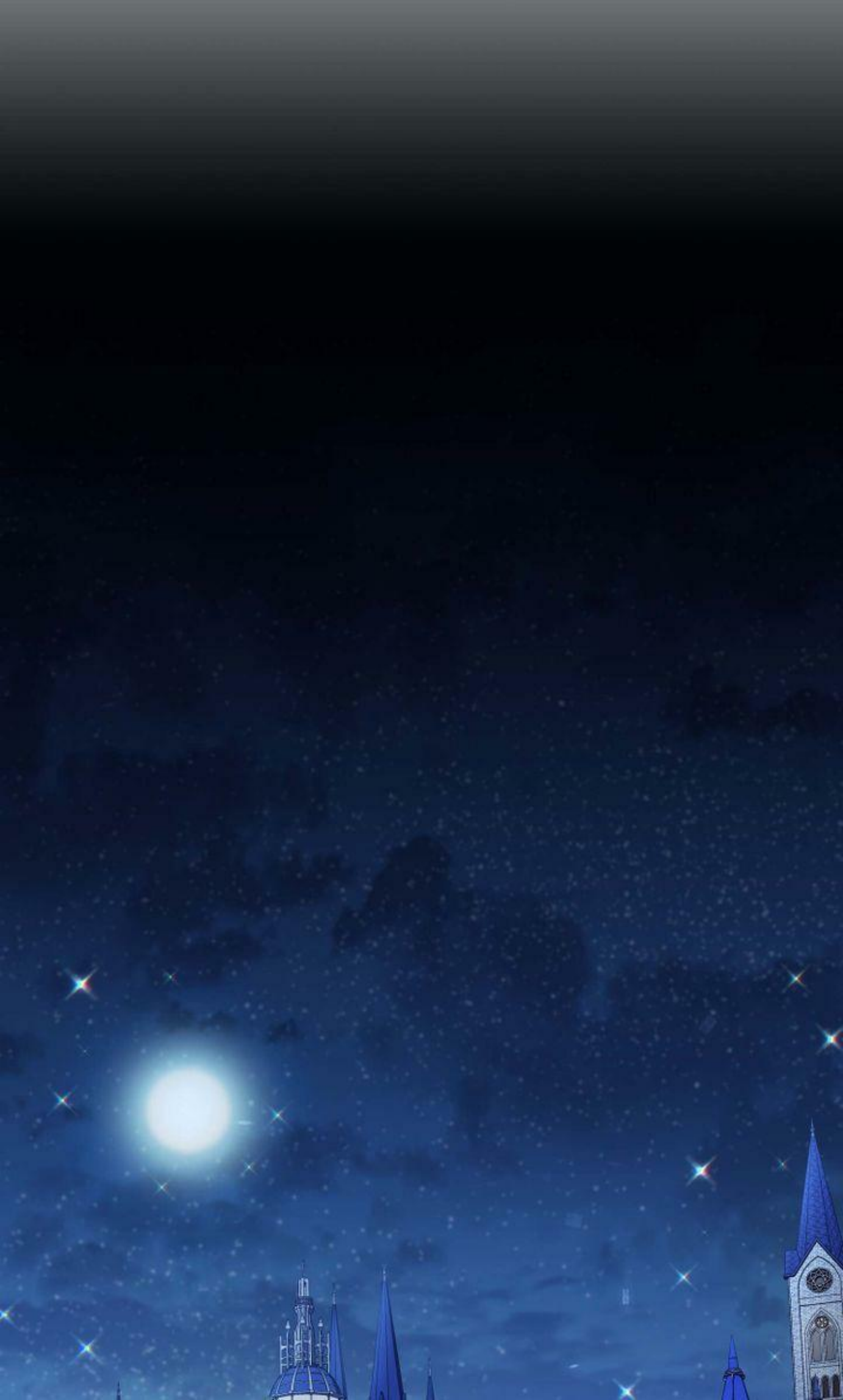
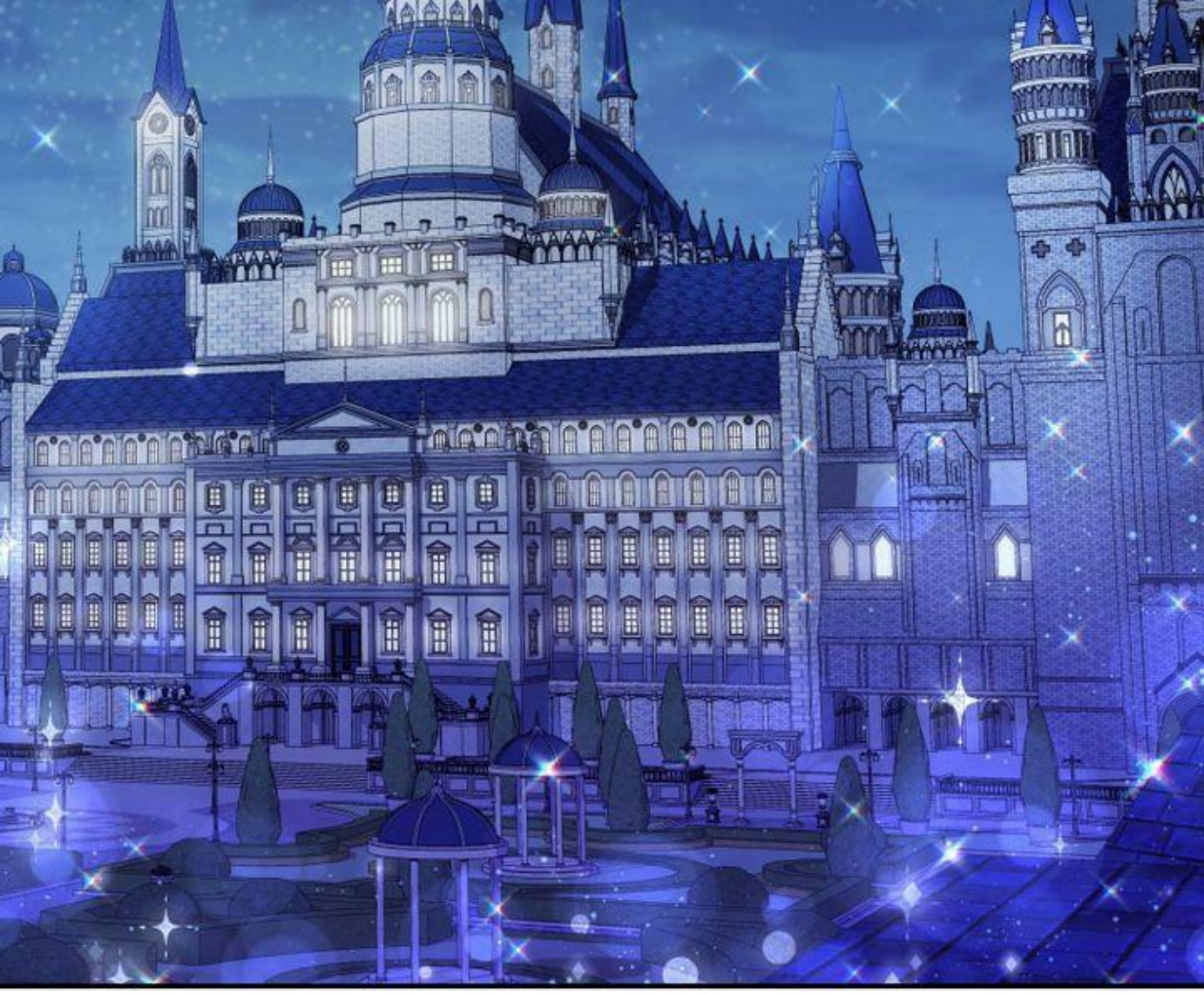




MUST I REALLY KEEP MY EYES COVERED LIKE THIS?

IT'S THE
DUKE'S ORDERS.

YOU MUST'VE EVER LOOK AT HIS FACE UNTIL ALL THIS IS OVER.
BOW

I NEVER EXPECTED
A WARM RECEPTION...

BUT I DIDN'T
THINK I'D HAVE TO BE
KEPT WAITING IN MY
CHAMBERS LIKE THIS.

WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF I DO...
SEE HIS FACE?

SILENCE...

IS... IS
SOMEONE THERE?

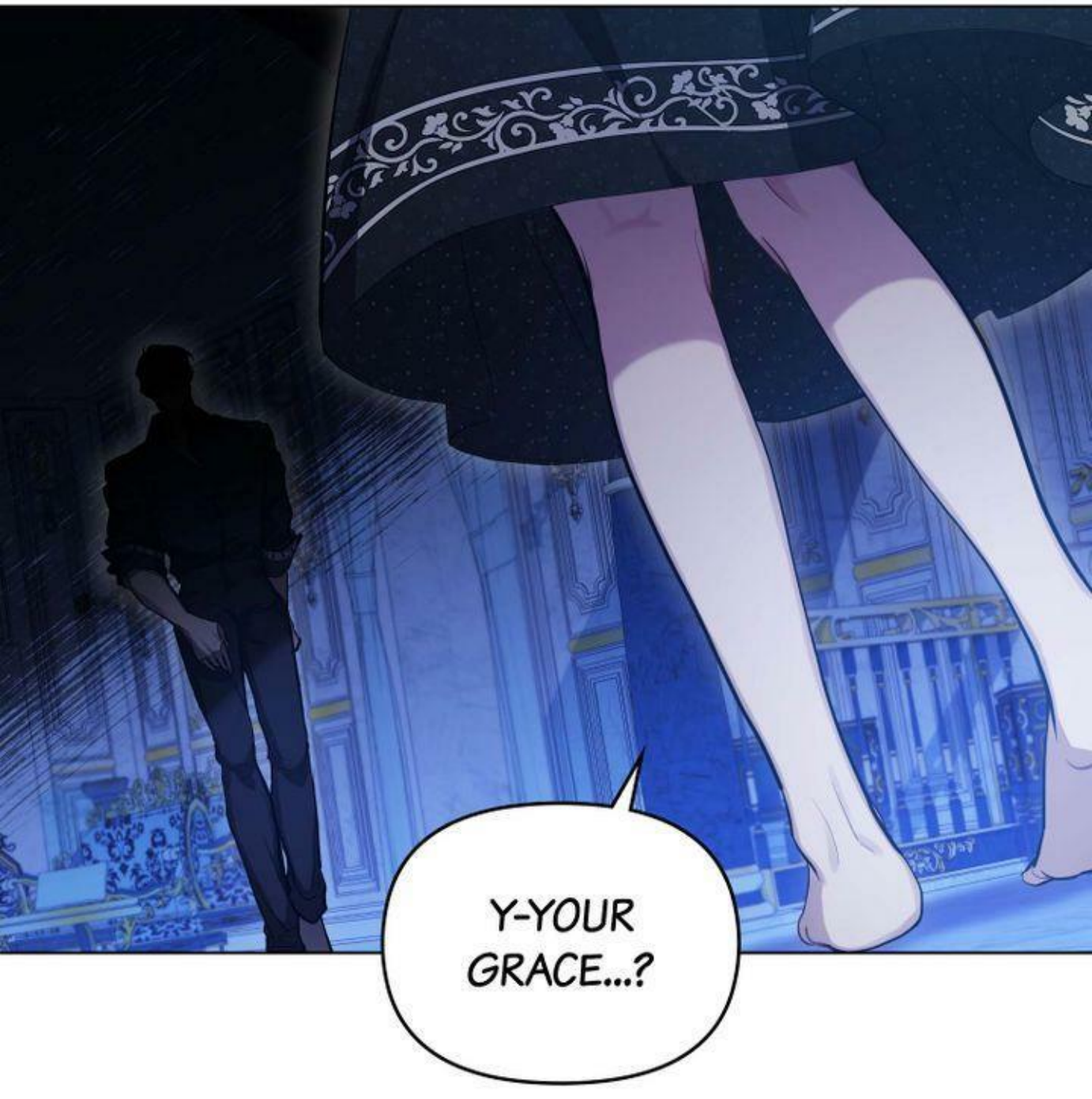
WHO'S THERE...?

STEP

STEP

IT APPEARS MY WIFE'S THE RATHER

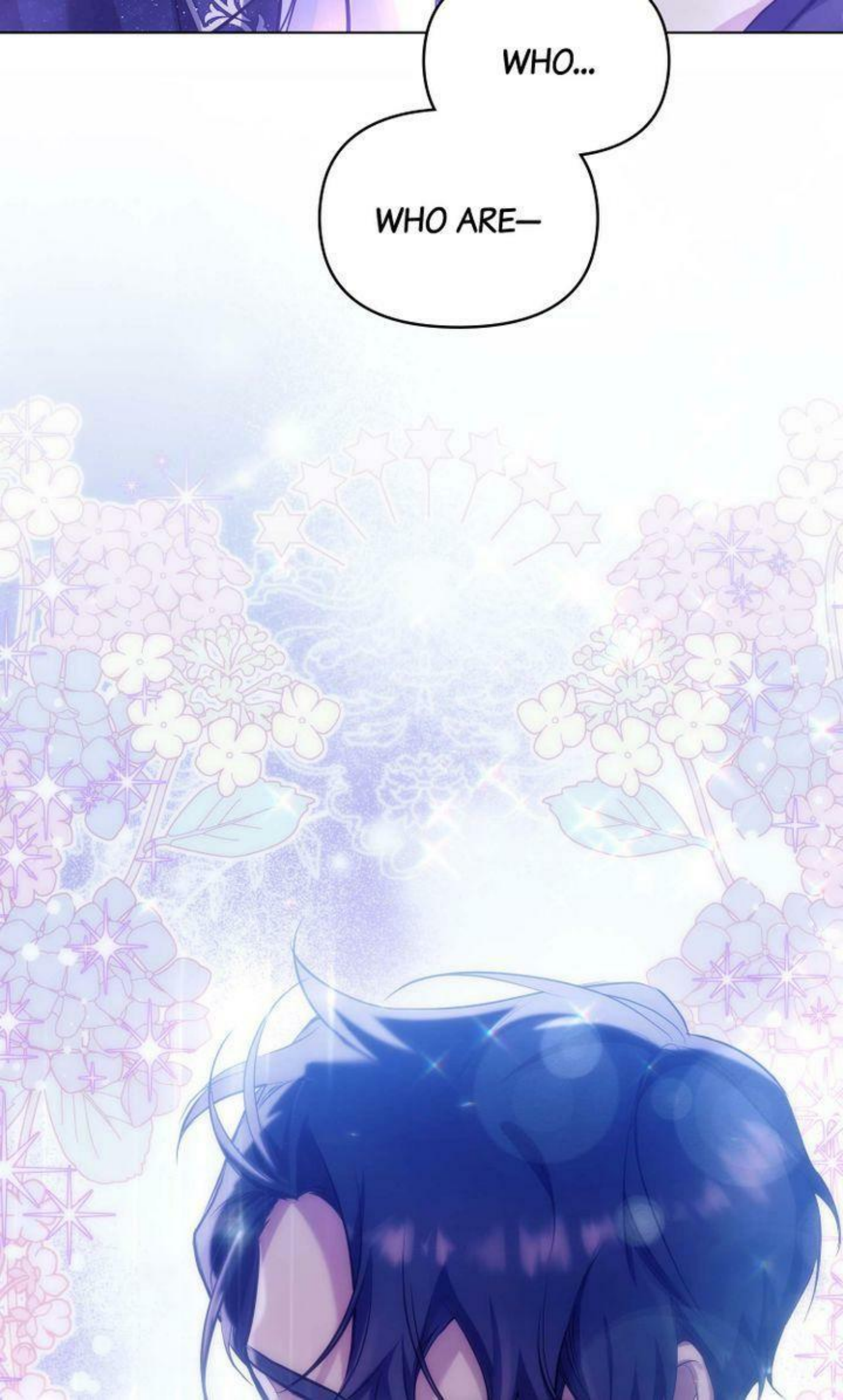
CURIOUS AND ANXIOUS SORT.


Y-YOUR GRACE...?

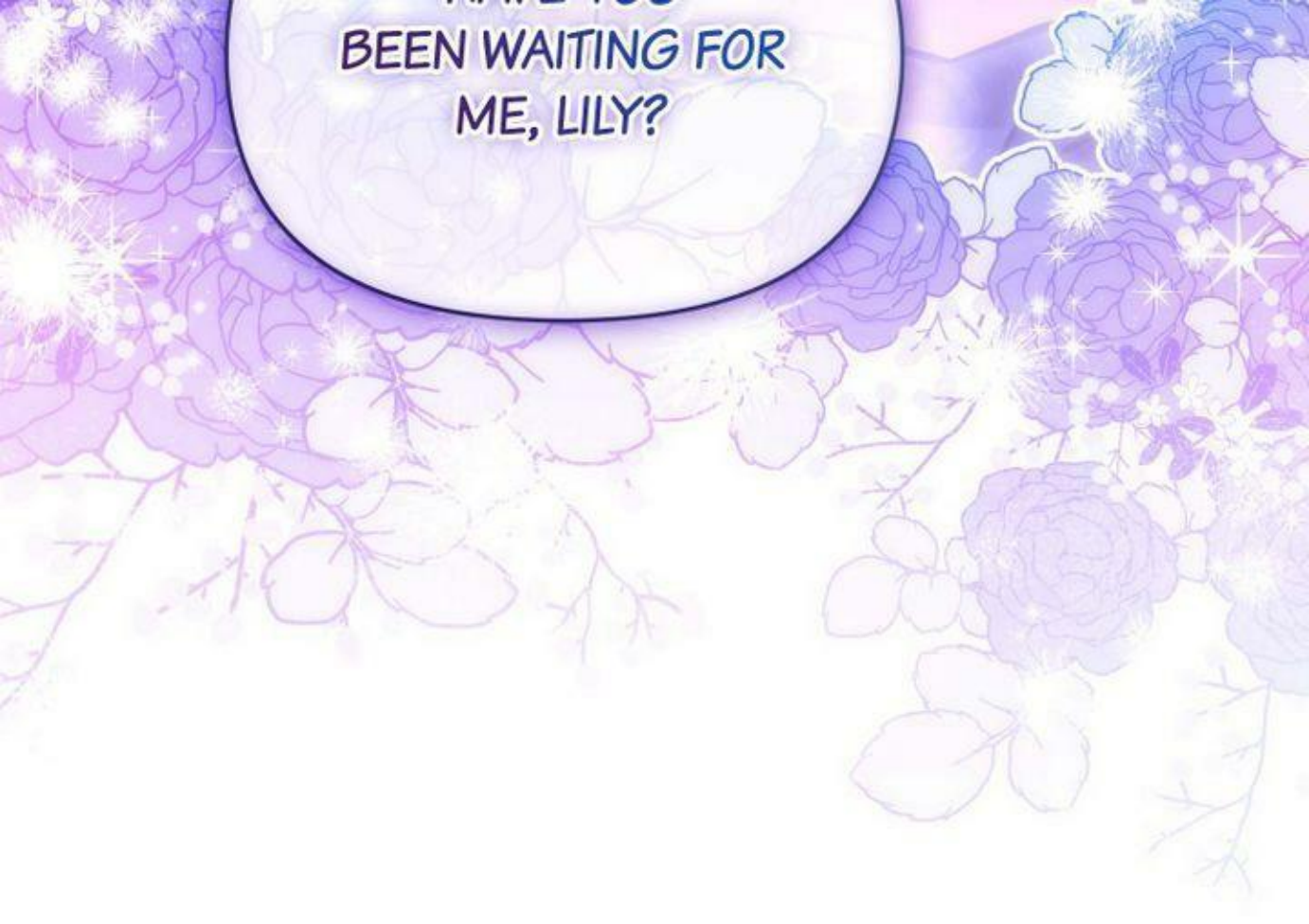
WOBBLE

WHOOSH

FUMBLE


WHO...
WHO ARE—

HAVE YOU



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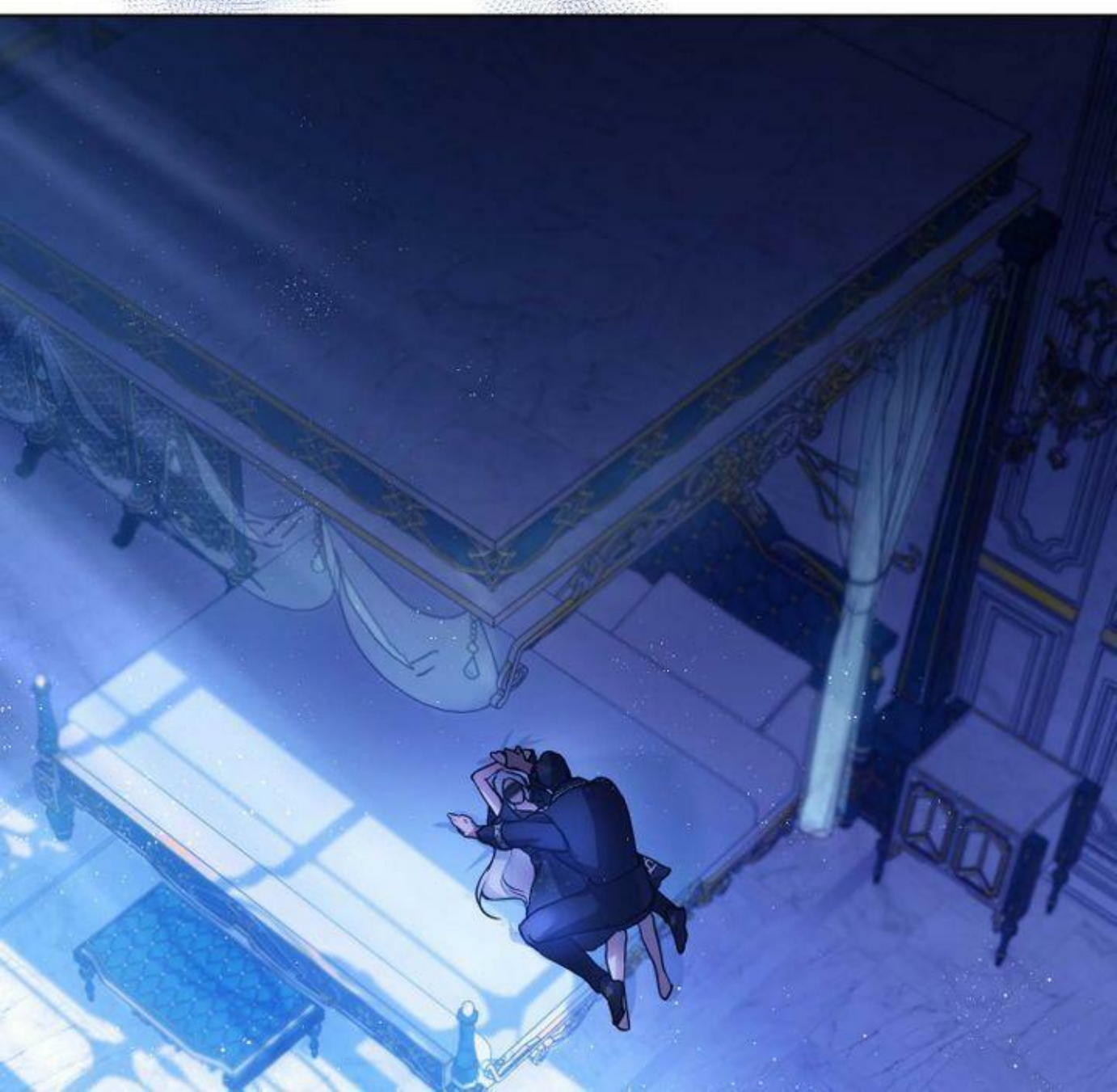


PLEASE,
I BEG YOU...

LET ME...

UNTIE THIS
CLOTH.

GRAB

BUT I... I'VE BEEN WAITING ALL THIS TIME...

PLEASE, WON'T YOU JUST...

HAVE YOU...

TRULY BEEN WAITING FOR ME?
STROKE

WHY, YES,
OF COURSE.
AFTER ALL, I HAVE
YET TO SEE YOUR
FACE.

STROKE

HIS SKIN'S

SO SOFT...

FOR SOMEONE WHO'S ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH THE BATTLEFIELD.

HE SEEMS TO BE RATHER HANDSOME, SO WHY HIDE HIS FACE?

A REWARD...?

TH-THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT...
RETREAT...

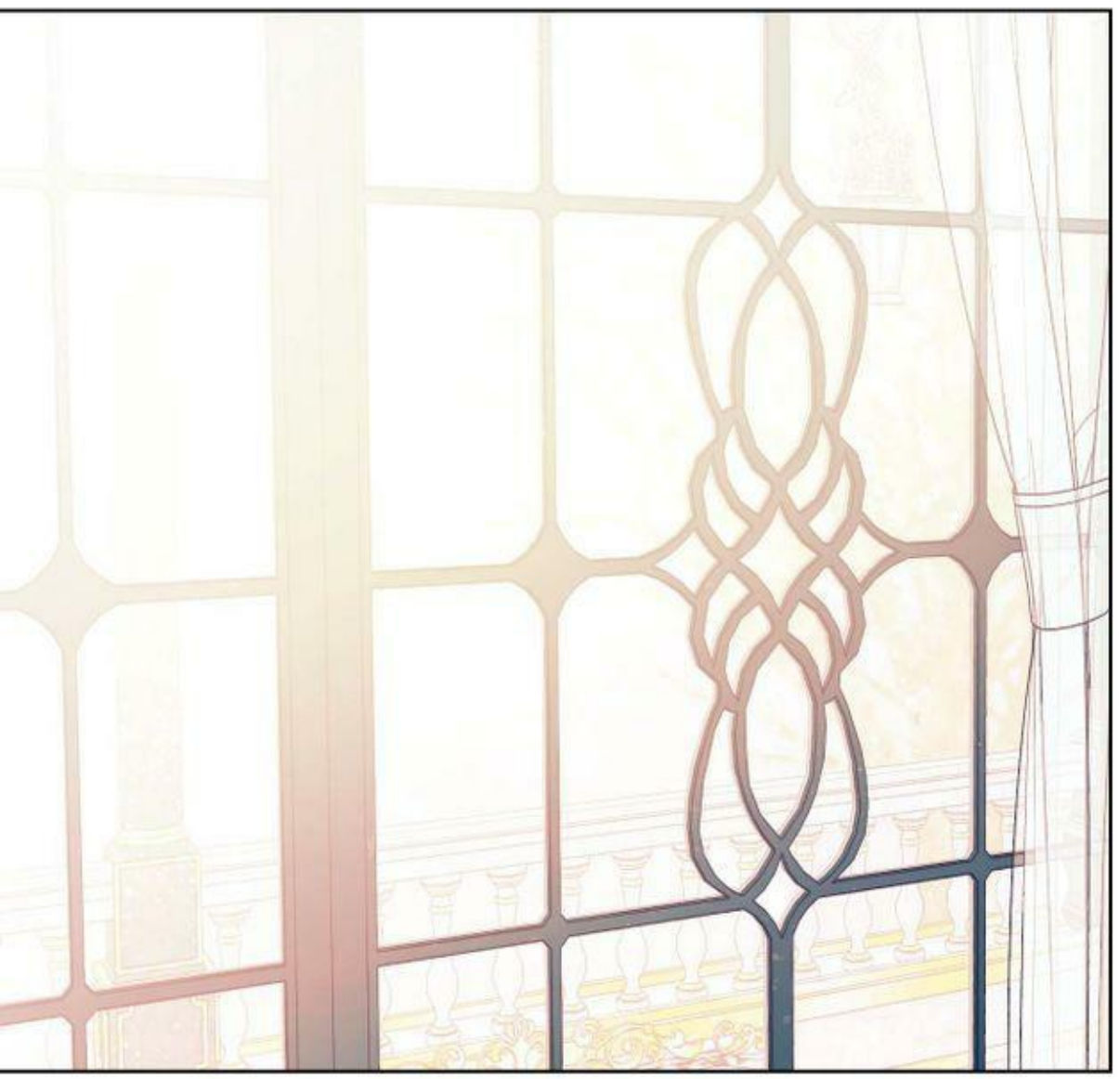
BUT I'M
READY...

PROP

AND I BELIEVE YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS AS WELL.

Disobey the Duke if You Dare

EP 2



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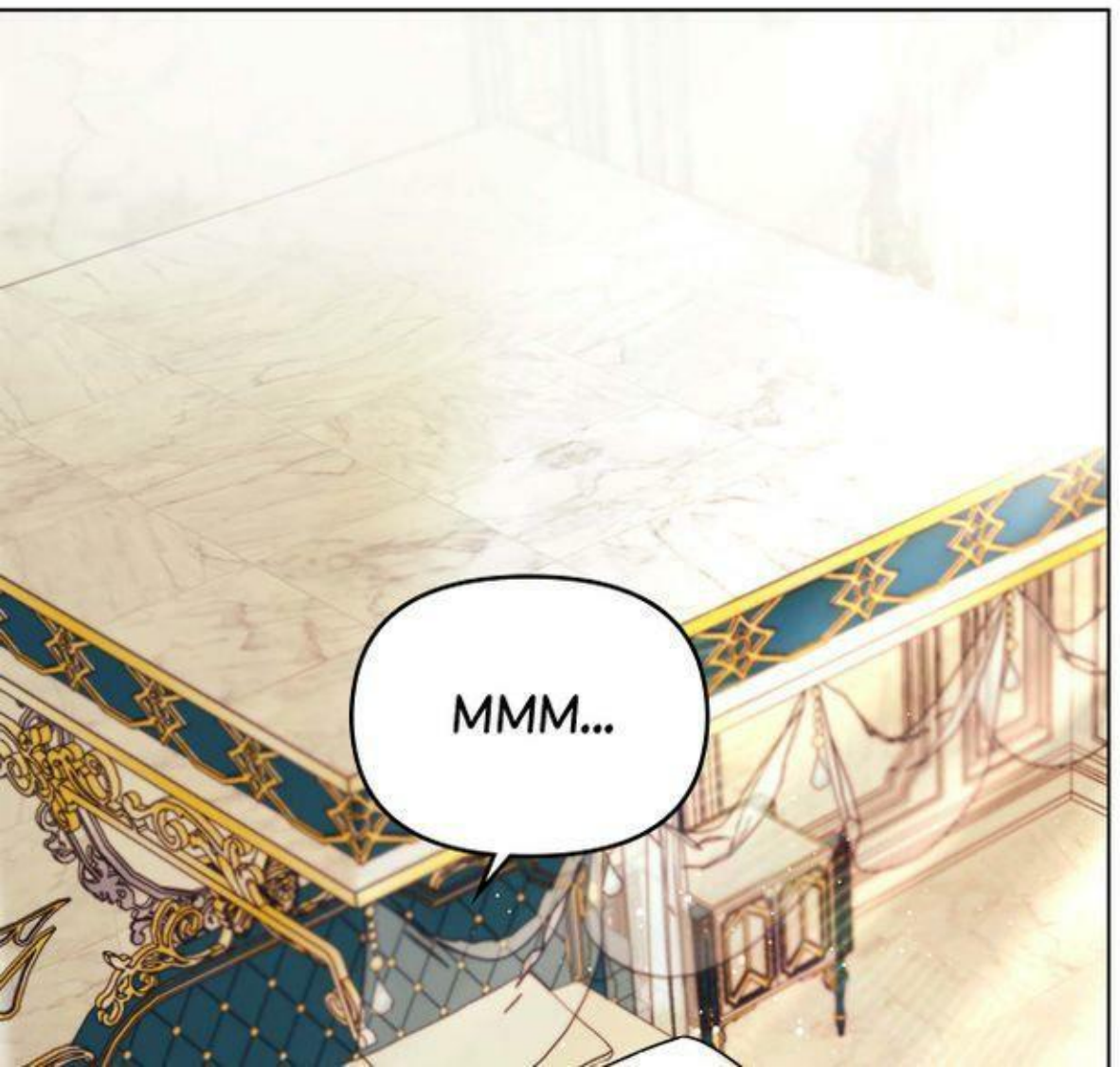
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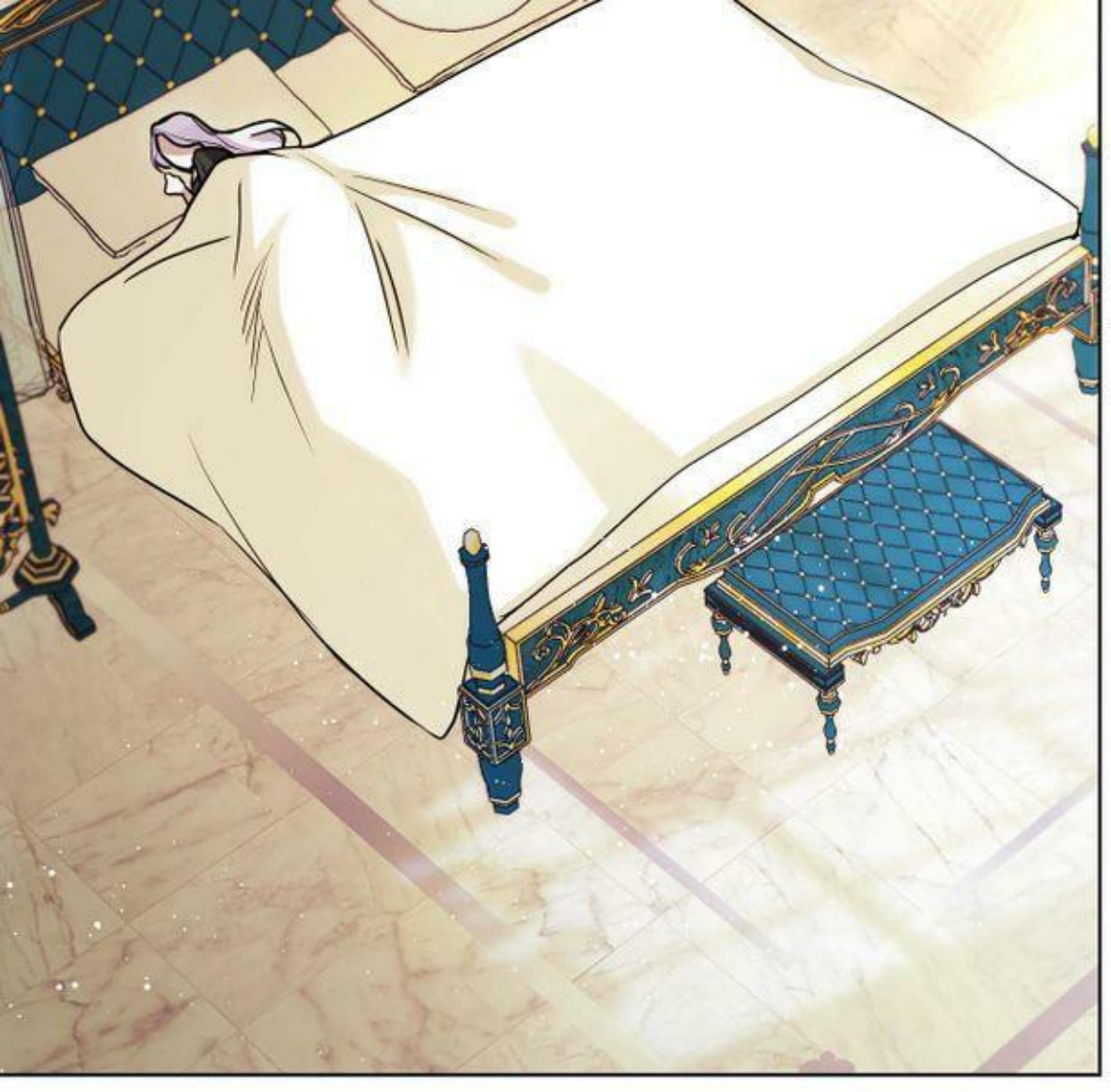
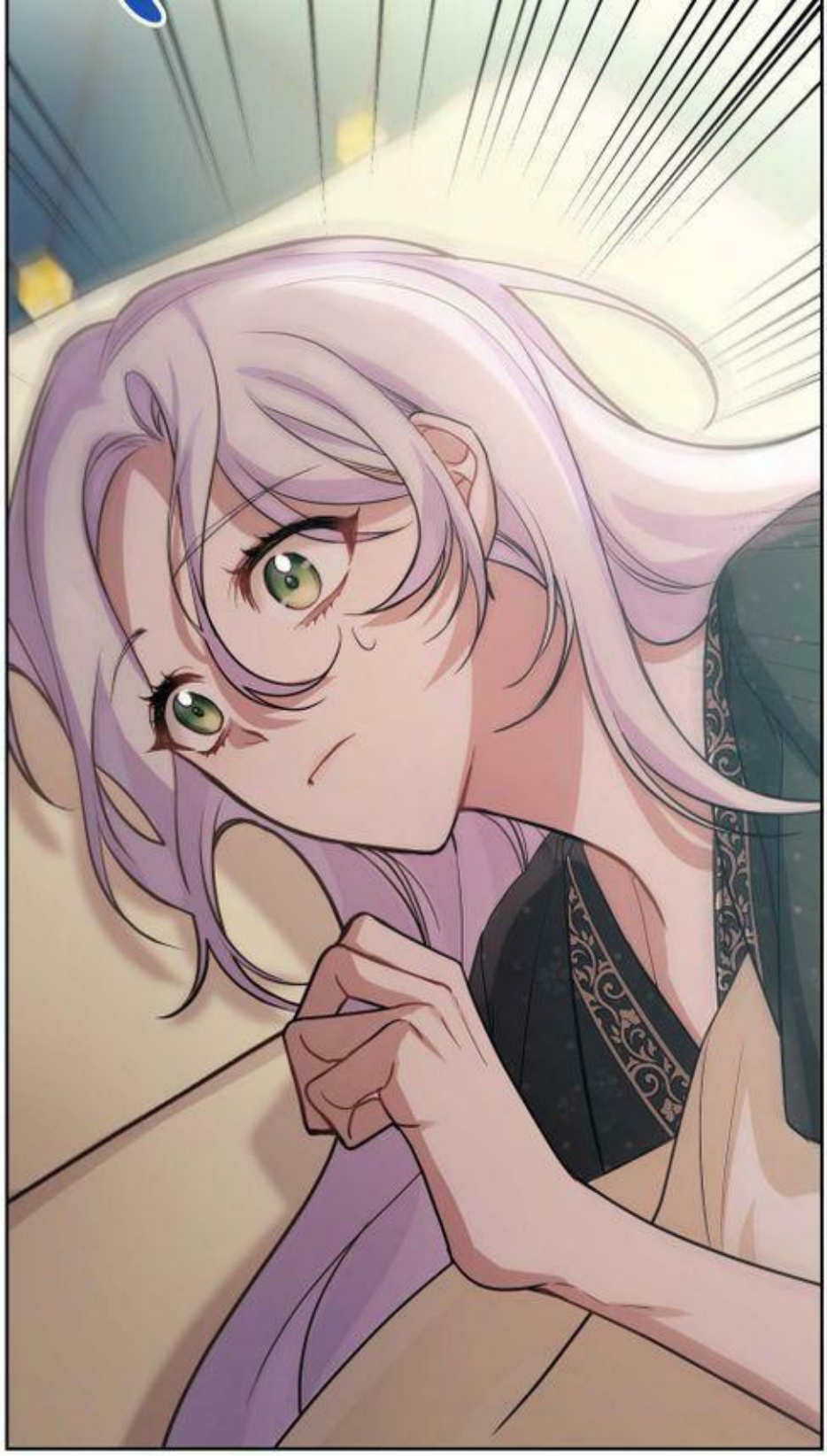
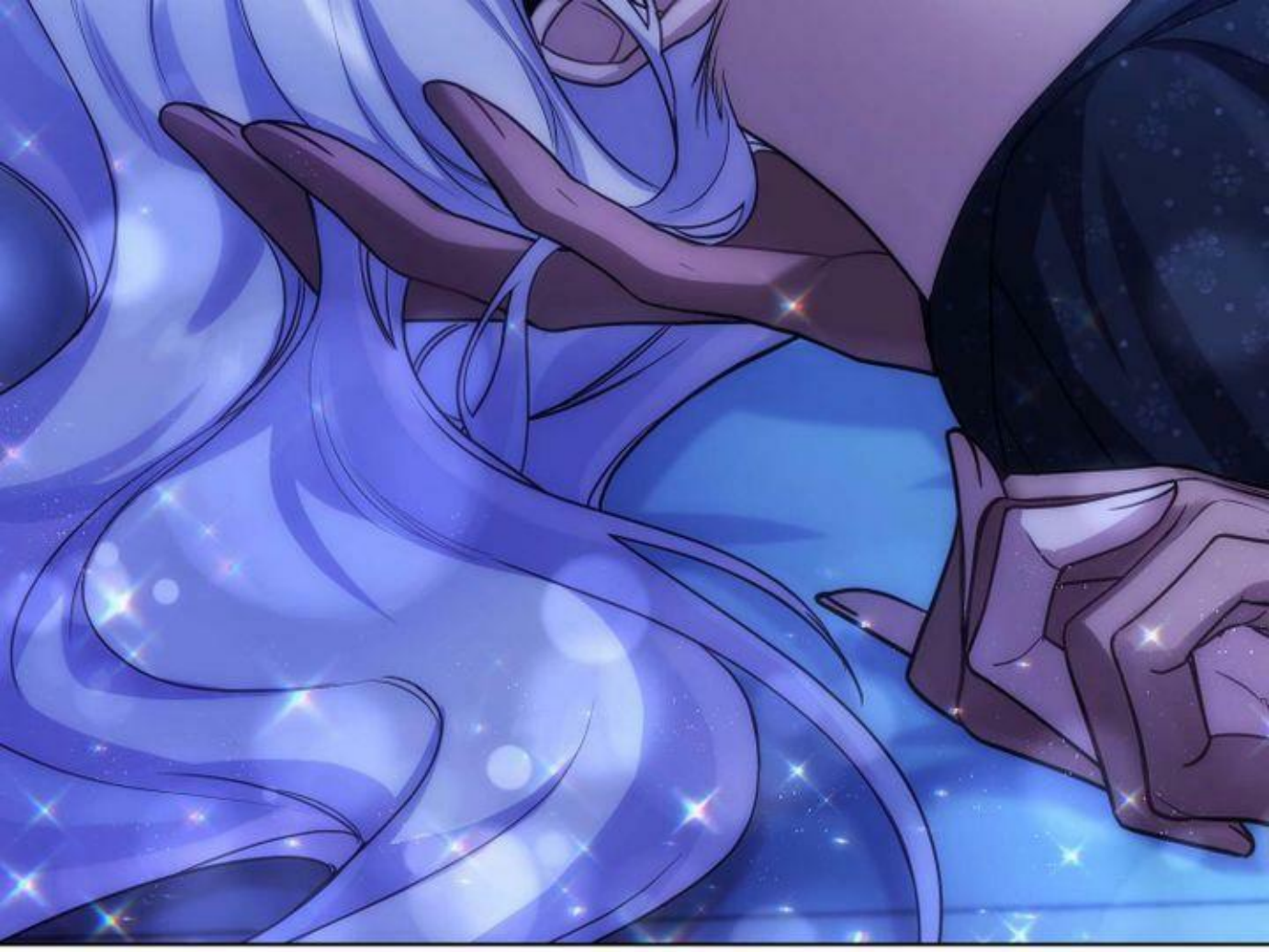


FLASH!



AT SOME POINT,
I'D FORGOTTEN
THAT MY EYES
WERE COVERED.



IT HAD BEEN THE FIRST TIME I'D SLEPT WITH A MAN WITHOUT BEING OVERCOME WITH PAIN OR BOREDOM.

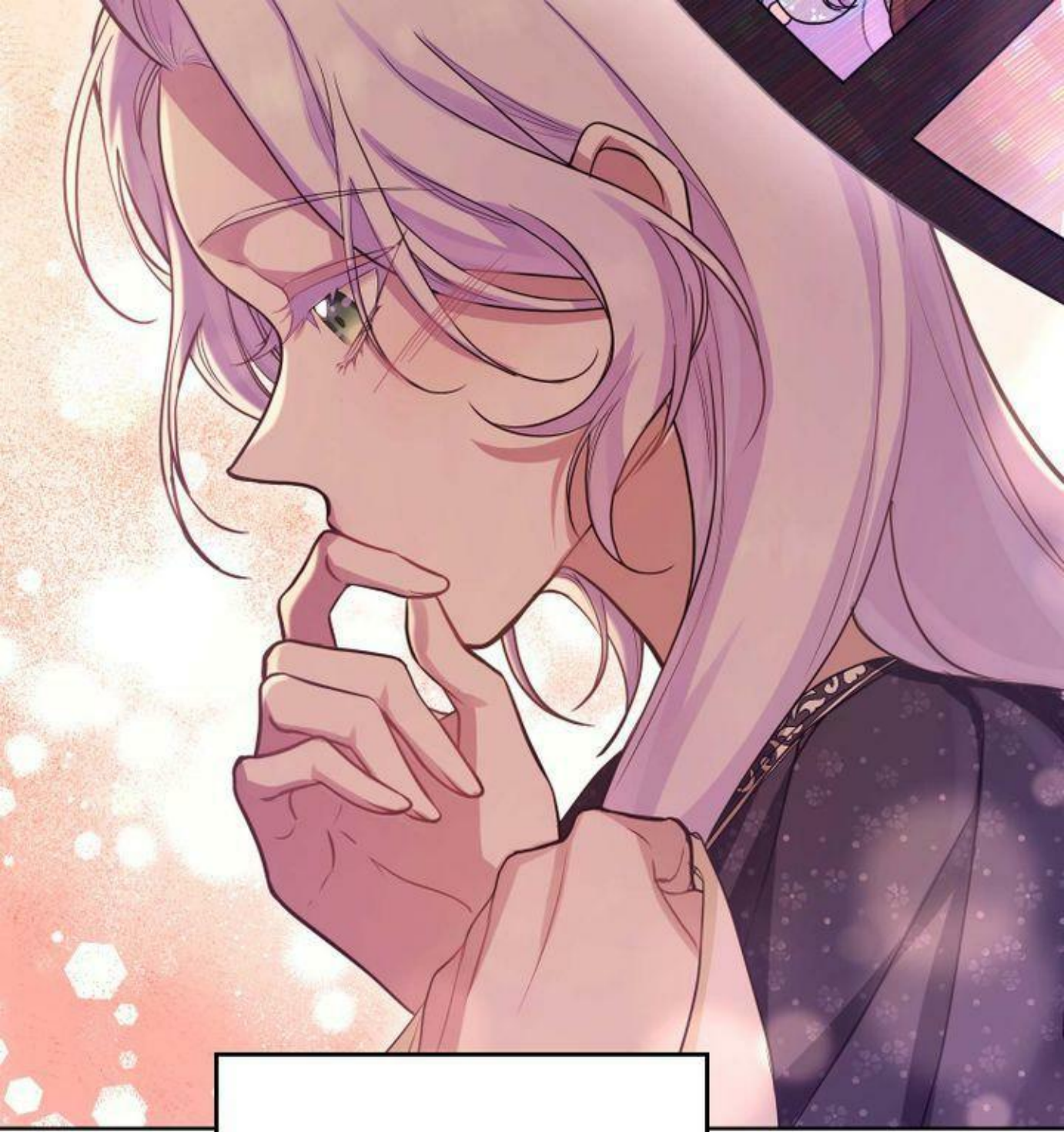
ACTUALLY,
IT FELT...

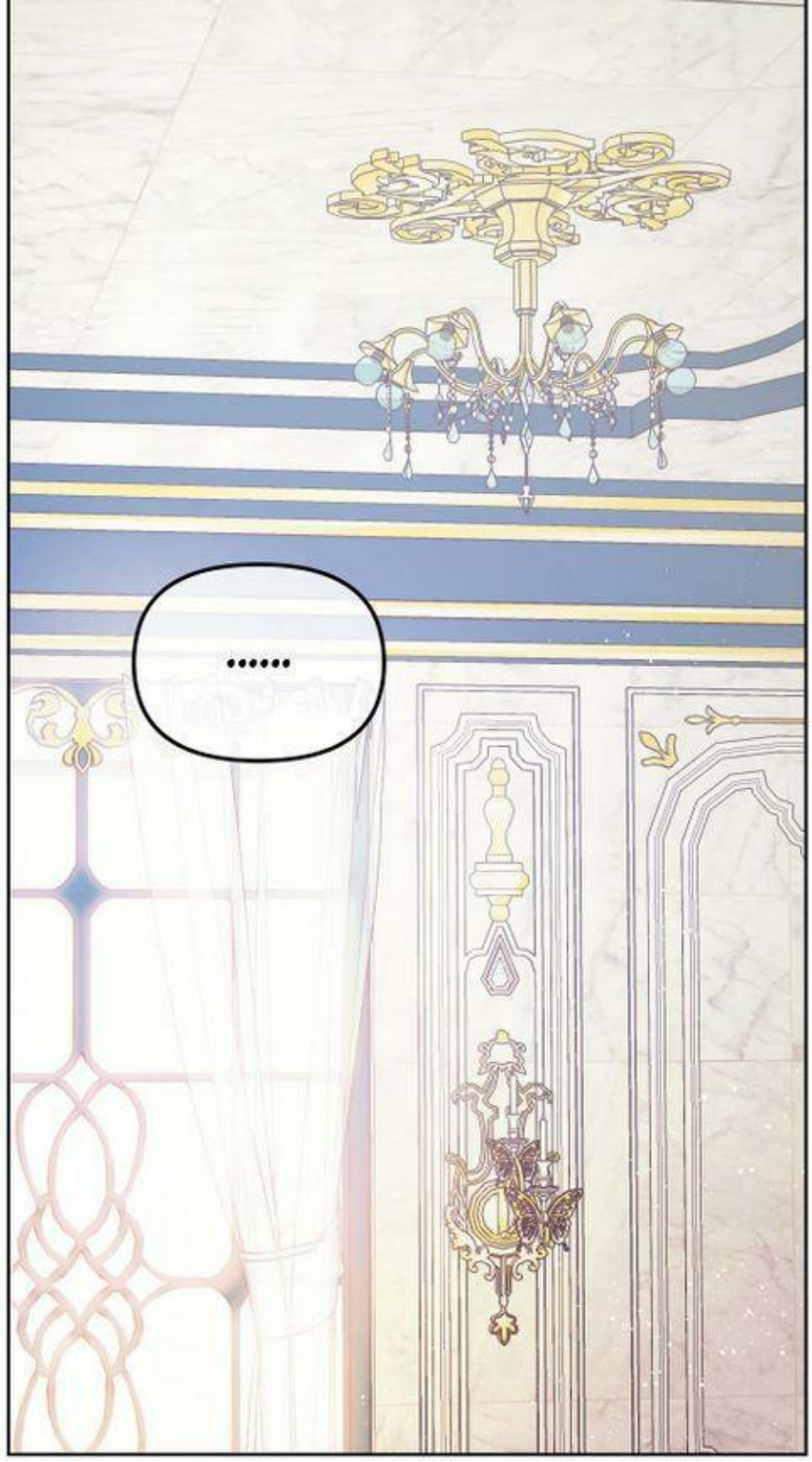
INCREDIBLY
GOOD.

AND HE
DIDN'T EVEN...

PUT THAT IN!

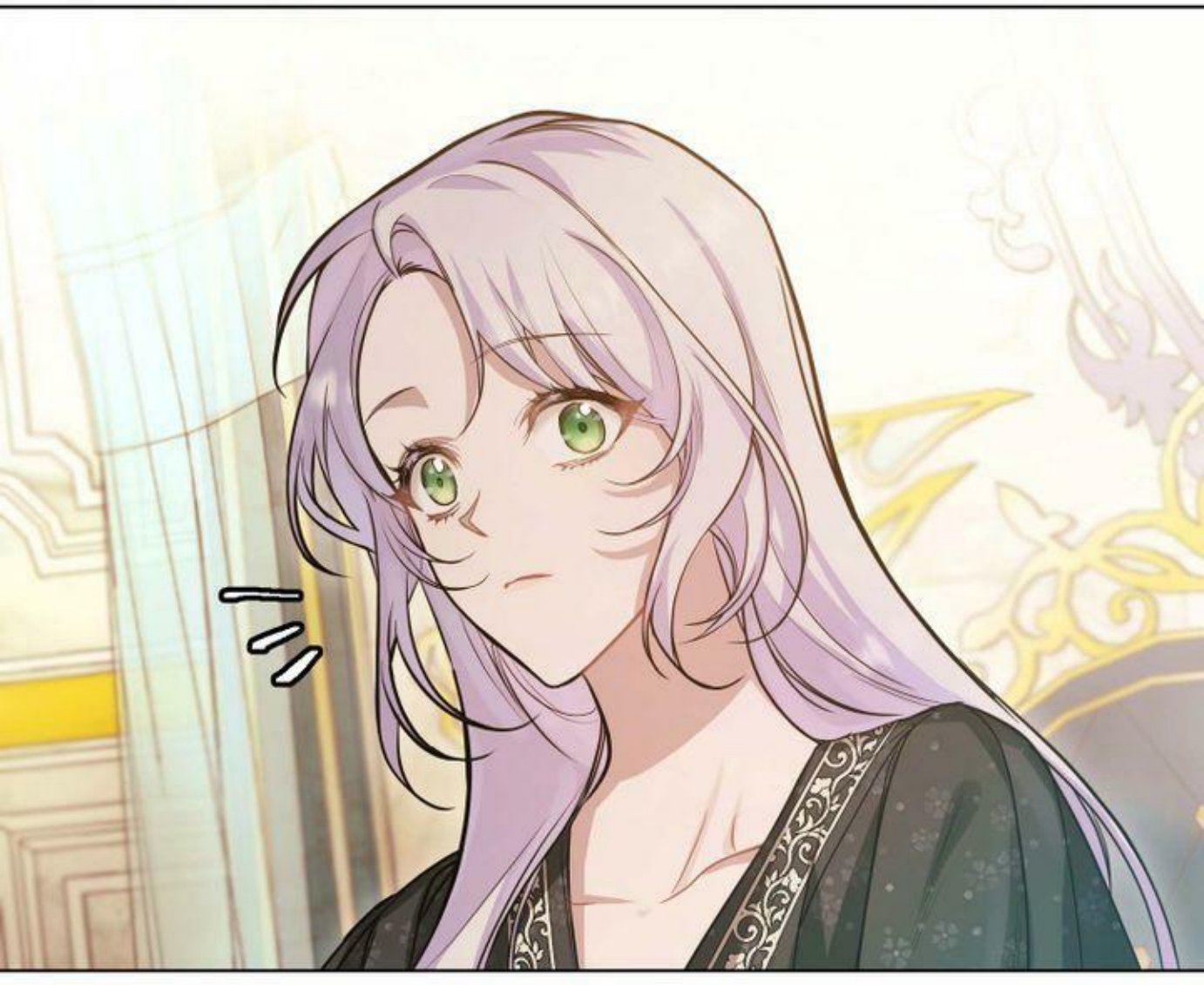
MEMORIES OF HER PREVIOUS HUSBANDS


MY NEW
HUSBAND...



NO, NO!
A LADY MUSN'T
HAVE SUCH LUSTFUL

THOUGHTS...!

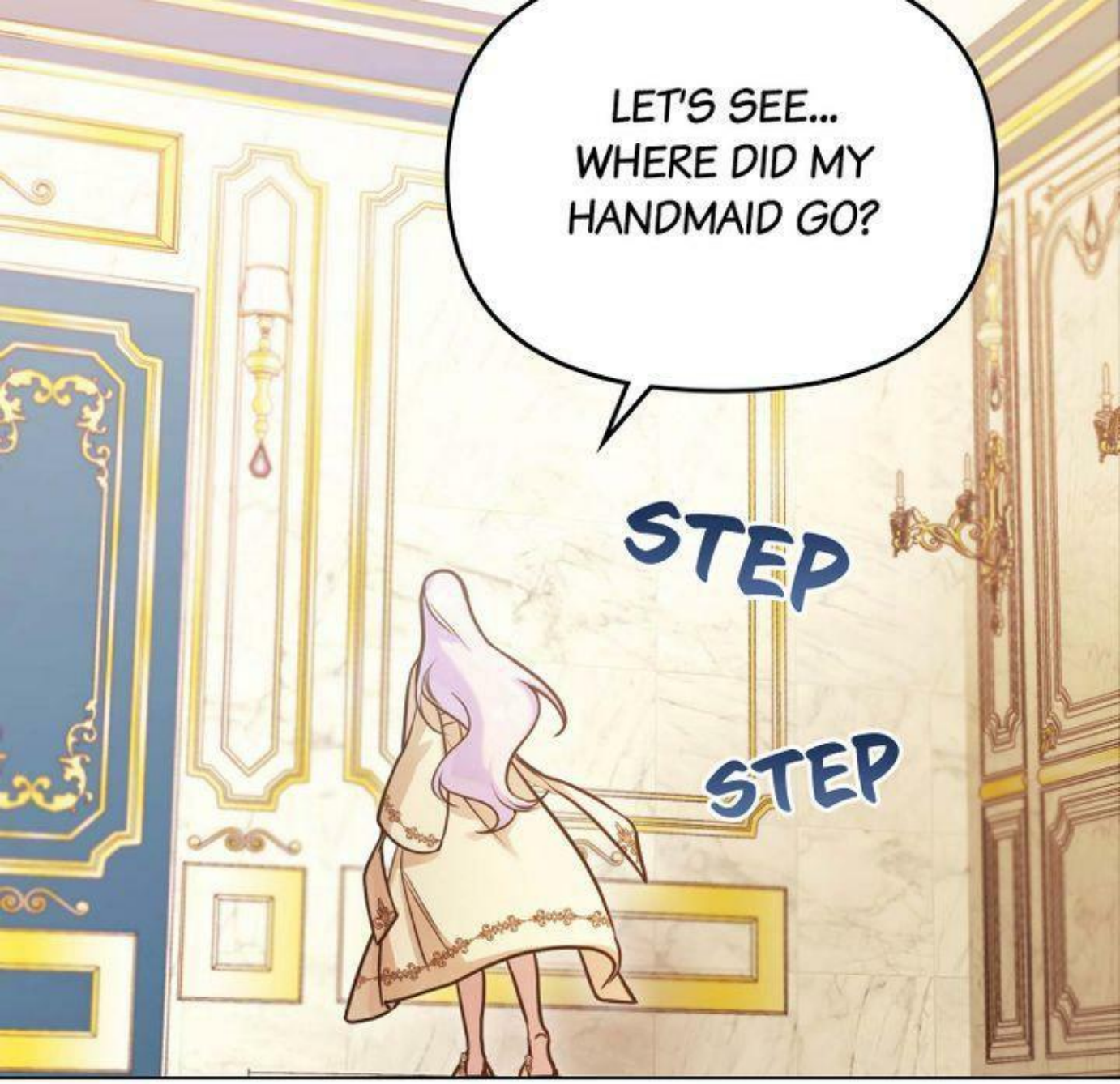


HMM...
HE'S NOT HERE...

STEP

RUMOR HAS IT HE LOOKS LIKE A MONSTER...

BUT ON THE CONTRARY, I BELIEVE IT'S QUITE THE OPPOSITE.


LET'S SEE...
WHERE DID MY
HANDMAID GO?
STEP
STEP

I WONDER IF I'M EVEN ALLOWED TO LEAVE MY CHAMBERS LIKE THIS...

STEP

STARTLED!

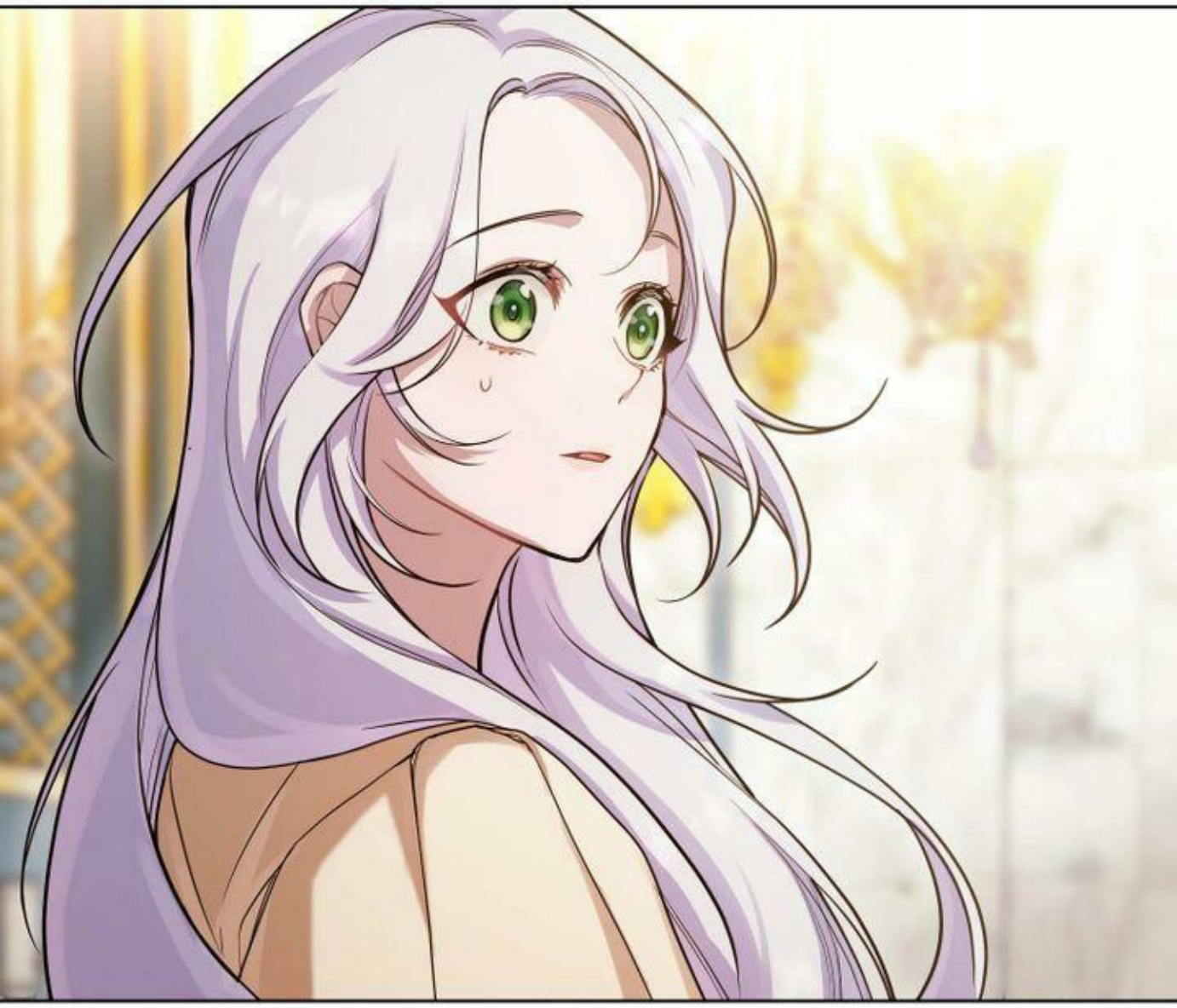
ACK!
!!
CLATTER!

WH-WHAT...

M-M-MY
APOLOGIES!

M-MY LADY,
I'M SO VERY SORRY!
YOU ALMOST GOT HURT
BECAUSE OF MY

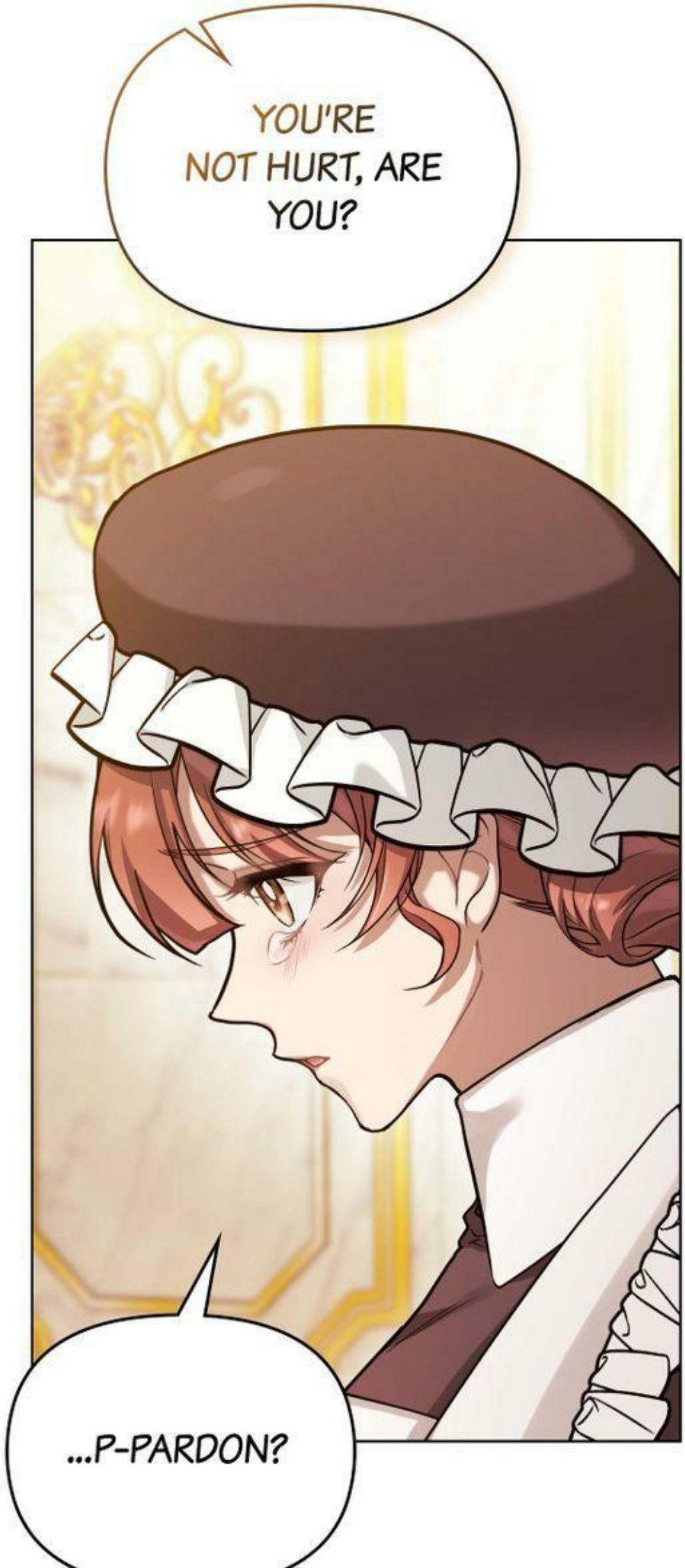
CARELESSNESS...



P-PLEASE

FORGIVE ME, MY LADY!

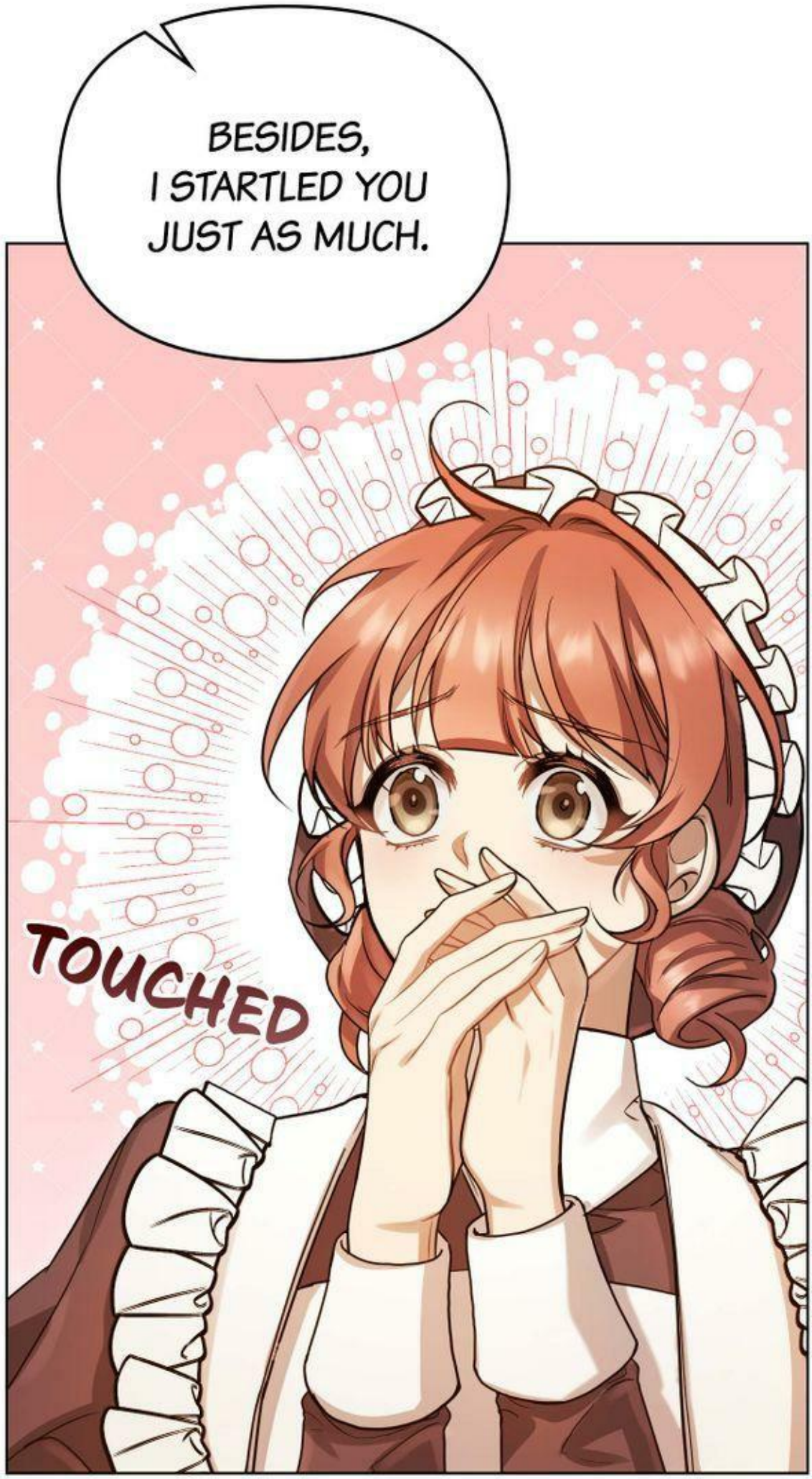
MOST OF THE MAIDS ARE AWAY AT THE MOMENT, SO I'VE STEPPED IN TO HELP, BUT IT SEEMS...


YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?
...P-PARDON?

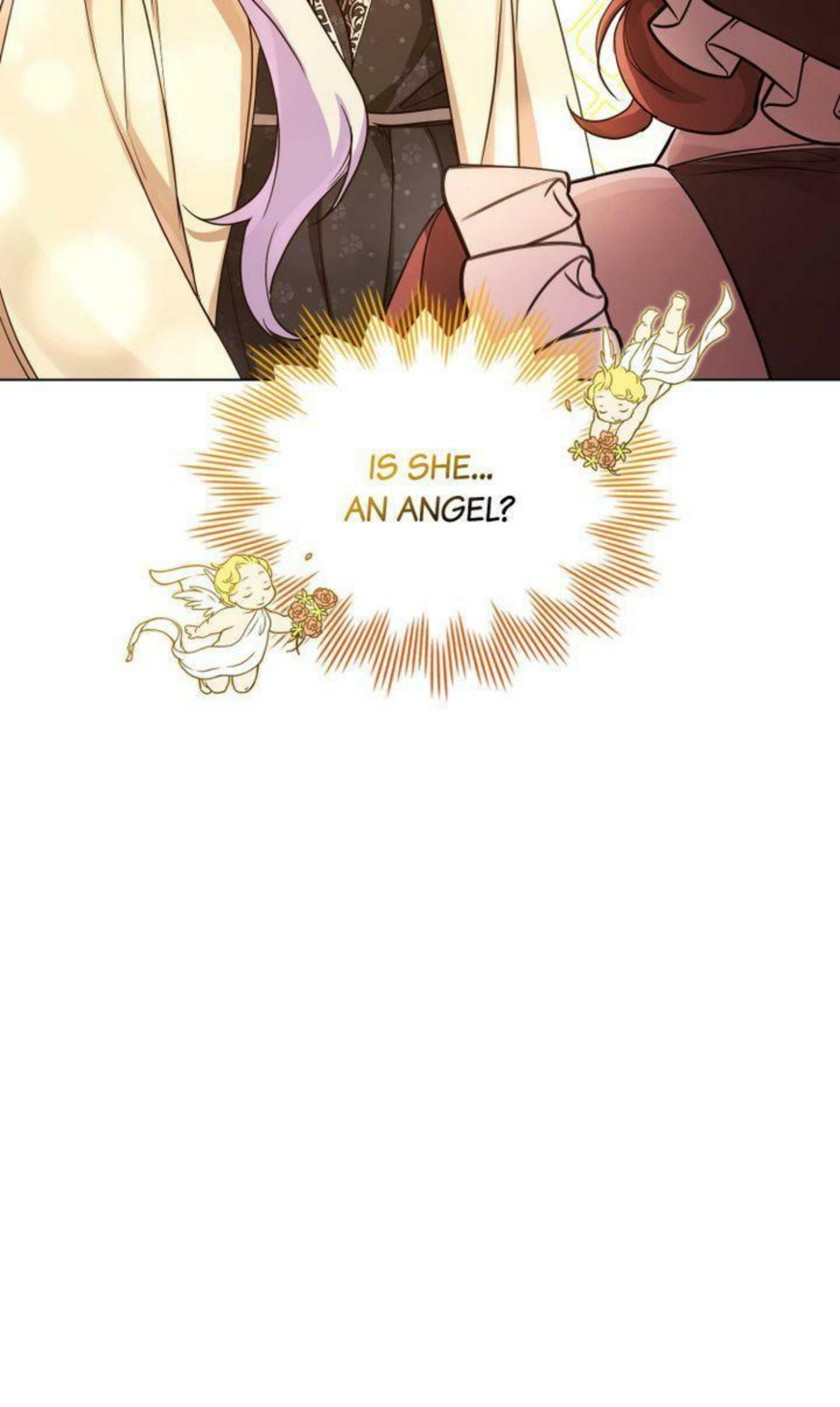
I HOPE NO BROKEN PIECES SCRATCHED YOUR LEG.

HAHA,
SHE'S JUST LIKE MY
SIBLINGS, ALWAYS SO
FLUSTERED WHEN THEY
MAKE A MISTAKE.

THERE'S NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE OVER SOMETHING AS TRIVIAL AS THIS.


BESIDES,
I STARTLED YOU
JUST AS MUCH.
TOUCHED

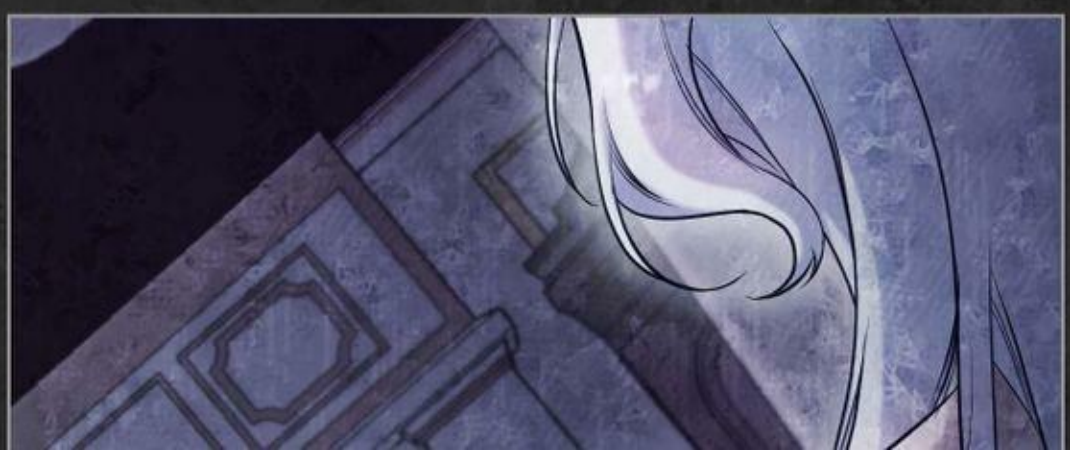
SPARKLE
...?


IS SHE...
AN ANGEL?

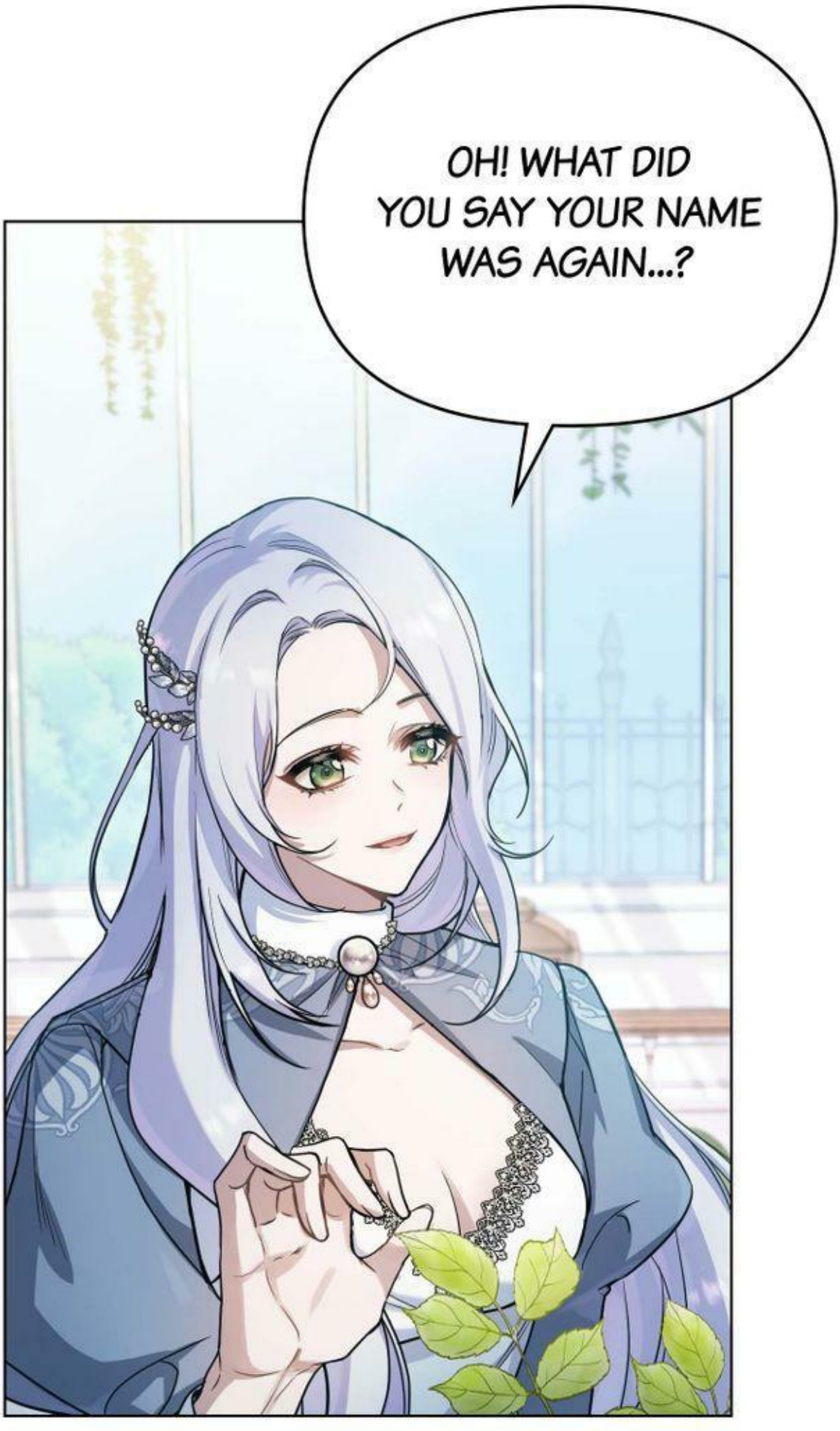
THE DAY AFTER I'D MARRIED BY MY SECOND HUSBAND,
I COULDN'T GET OUT OF BED ALL DAY.

YOU SEE,
NOBODY BROUGHT
ME MY CLOTHES,

SO I SPENT
THE WHOLE DAY
HUDDLED IN BED, NAKED
AND ALONE.



AND, OF COURSE,
NOT A SINGLE PERSON
WOULD DARE ACKNOWLEDGE
ME — A COMMONER —
AS THEIR SUPERIOR.


OH! WHAT DID
YOU SAY YOUR NAME
WAS AGAIN...?

BUTTERCUP, WAS IT?
NOD

NOD

AH, RIGHT!
ANYHOW, THAT' S
WHY I'M SO THANKFUL
FOR YOU, BUTTERCUP.

YOU'VE
INTRODUCED
TO ME TO SUCH A
WONDERFUL
PLACE,

AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF ME AND HELPING ME AROUND TODAY.

THE DUKE
MUST' VE MARRIED AN
ANGEL INSTEAD OF
A HUMAN!

AND ACTUALLY,
IF IT' S THE DUKE WE' RE
TALKING ABOUT, IT
REALLY COULD BE
POSSIBLE...

SAY,
BUTTERCUP?

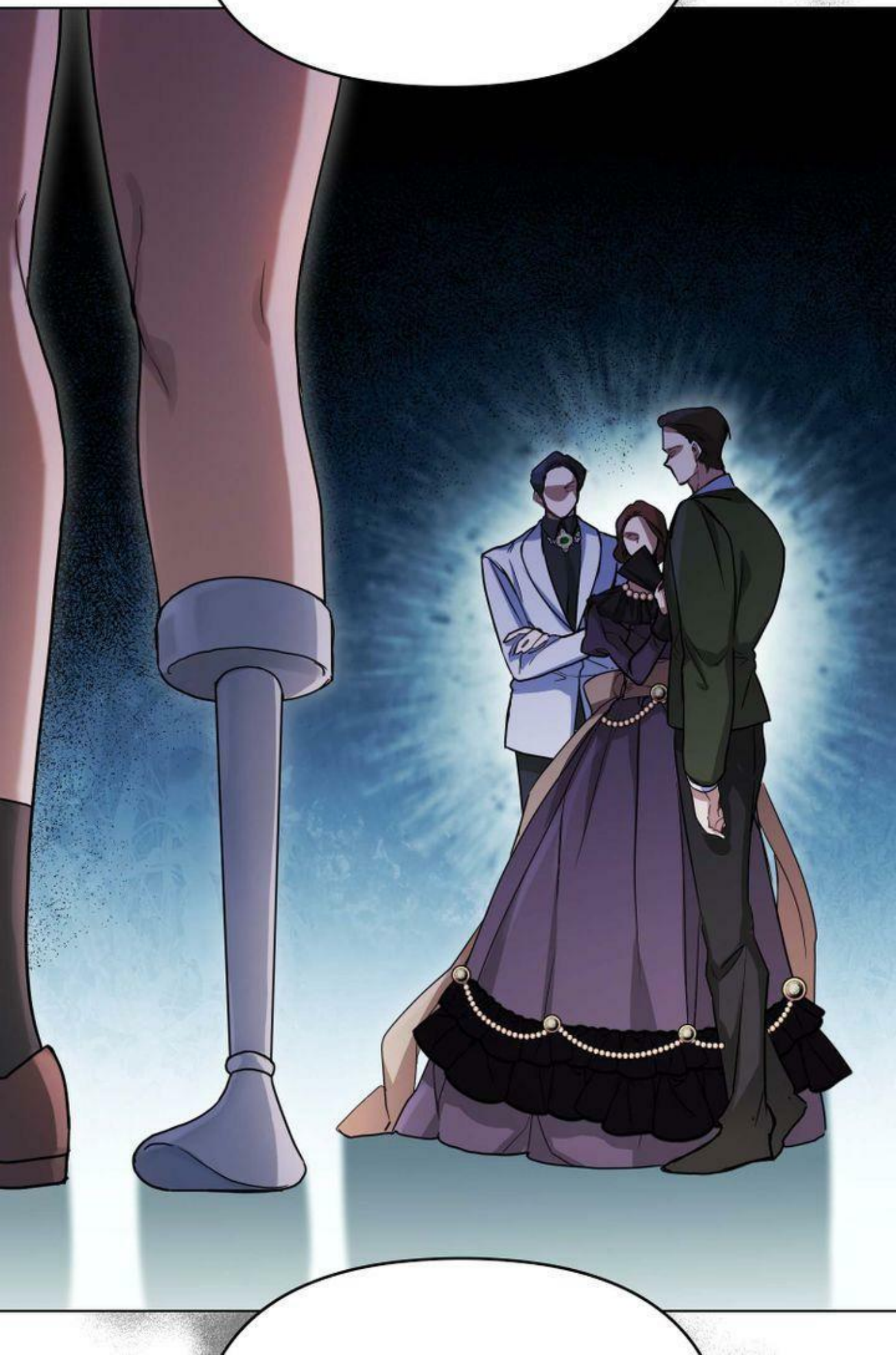
STEP

ABOUT THE DUKE...
WHAT KIND OF A
PERSON IS HE?

TH-THE DUKE...
IS A WONDERFUL
PERSON!

AS YOU MIGHT

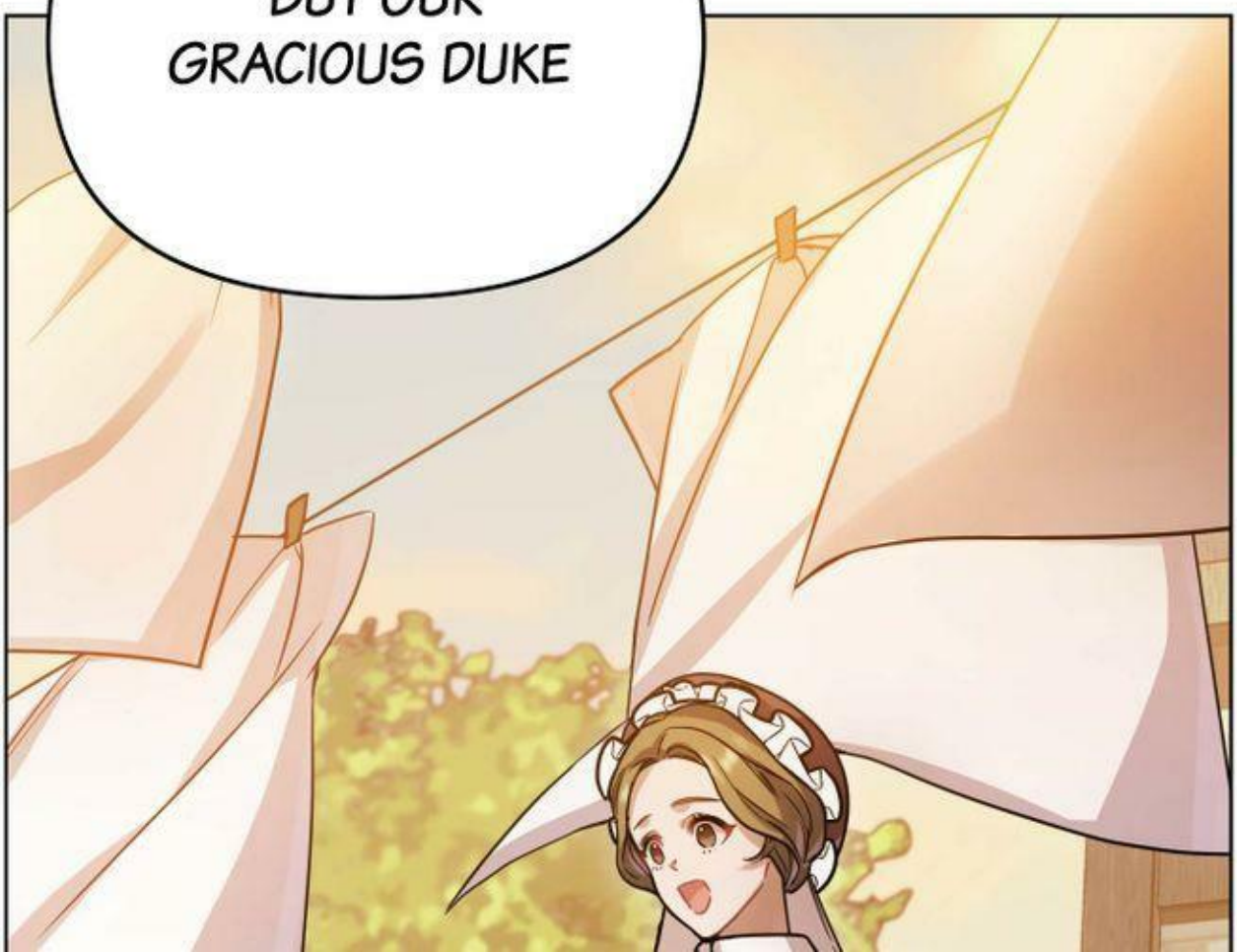
IMAGINE, PEOPLE LIKE
ME ARE LUCKY TO
EVEN BE ALIVE.



IT' S NEARLY
IMPOSSIBLE FOR US
TO GET MARRIED
OR HOLD DOWN
STABLE JOBS.

BEAM

BUT OUR
GRACIOUS DUKE



ALLOWS PEOPLE OF ALL KINDS TO WORK HERE.

AND HE PAYS WELL TOO!

THOUGH... THE DUKE CAN BE QUITE... ***STRICT*** AT TIMES.

IF YOU DISTURB MY WIFE, I'LL KILL YOU...
OH, I SEE...

B-BUT REALLY! HE'S VERY KIND TOO!

AND, YOU KNOW, MY LADY... THE DUKE DIDN'T INTENTIONALLY LEAVE YOU ALONE IN YOUR CHAMBERS.

HE WENT TO FETCH A PRIEST BECAUSE YOU WERE RUNNING A FEVER.

A FEVER...?

ME?

MY LADY!

DASH

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PANT...
PANT...

PLEASE JUST GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT. WHAT HAS SHE COME DOWN WITH?

AS I'VE SAID MANY TIMES BEFORE, SHE HAS NO AILMENTS.
AND THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE GREENHOUSE EITHER.

HER ENCOUNTER

WITH THAT MONSTER DURING HER JOURNEY HERE WAS SHOCKING ENOUGH...
STAB
STAB
BUT THEN YOU HAD TO GO AND... AHEM... DISTURB HER DURING THE NIGHT. SO IT'S NO WONDER SHE COLLAPSED...

HAA... I HOPE HER CONDITION'S NOTHING SERIOUS.
AHEM!

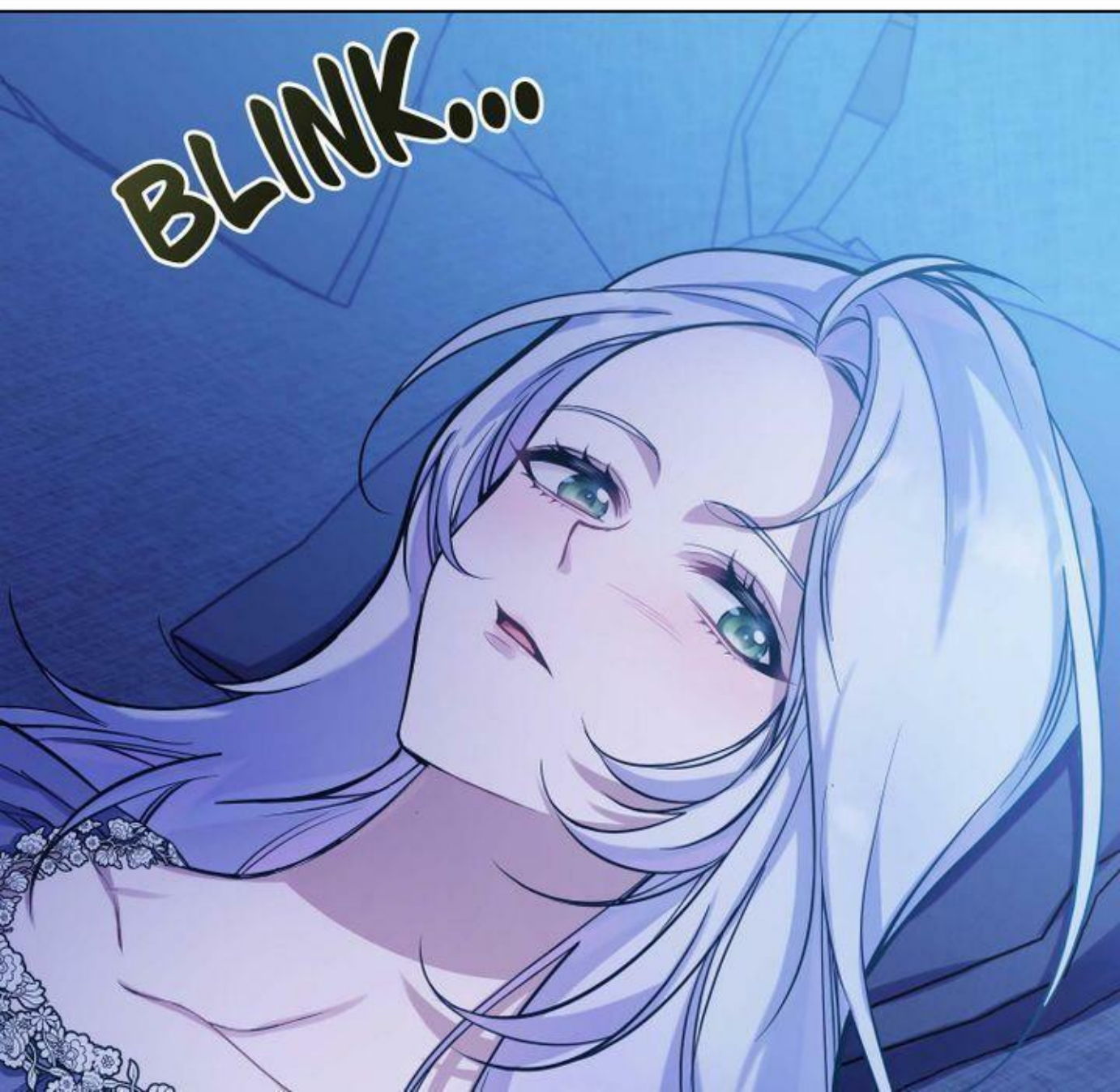
I ASSURE YOU, SHE'LL BE PERFECTLY FINE.

IT'S NOT UNCOMMON FOR PEOPLE TO DIE OF A FEVER,

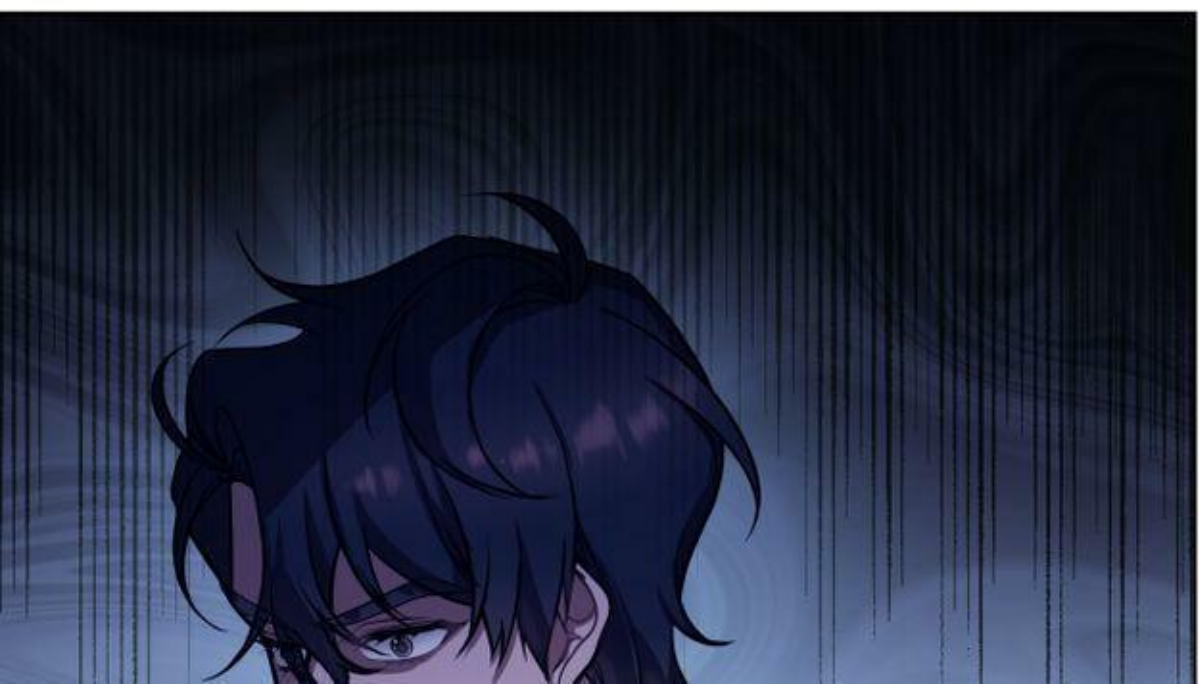
BUT I'M FAR MORE CAPABLE THAN THOSE BALD PRIESTS, SO TRUST ME. YOUR WIFE WILL BE FINE.

RUSTLE
MMM...

!!!
ARE...
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?!


BLINK...

TRISTAN...

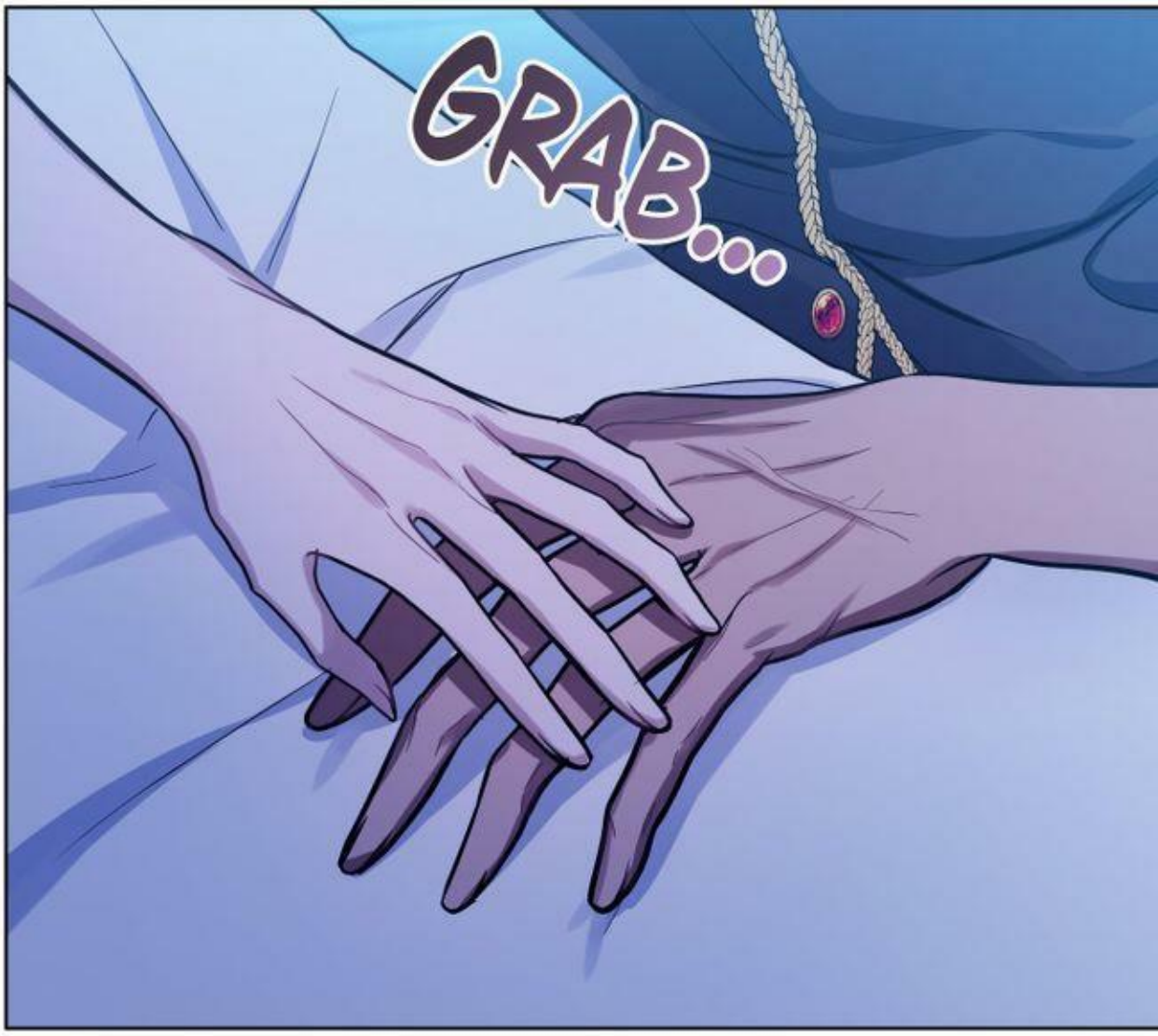


HM? IS SHE CALLING FOR HER YOUNGER BROTHER?

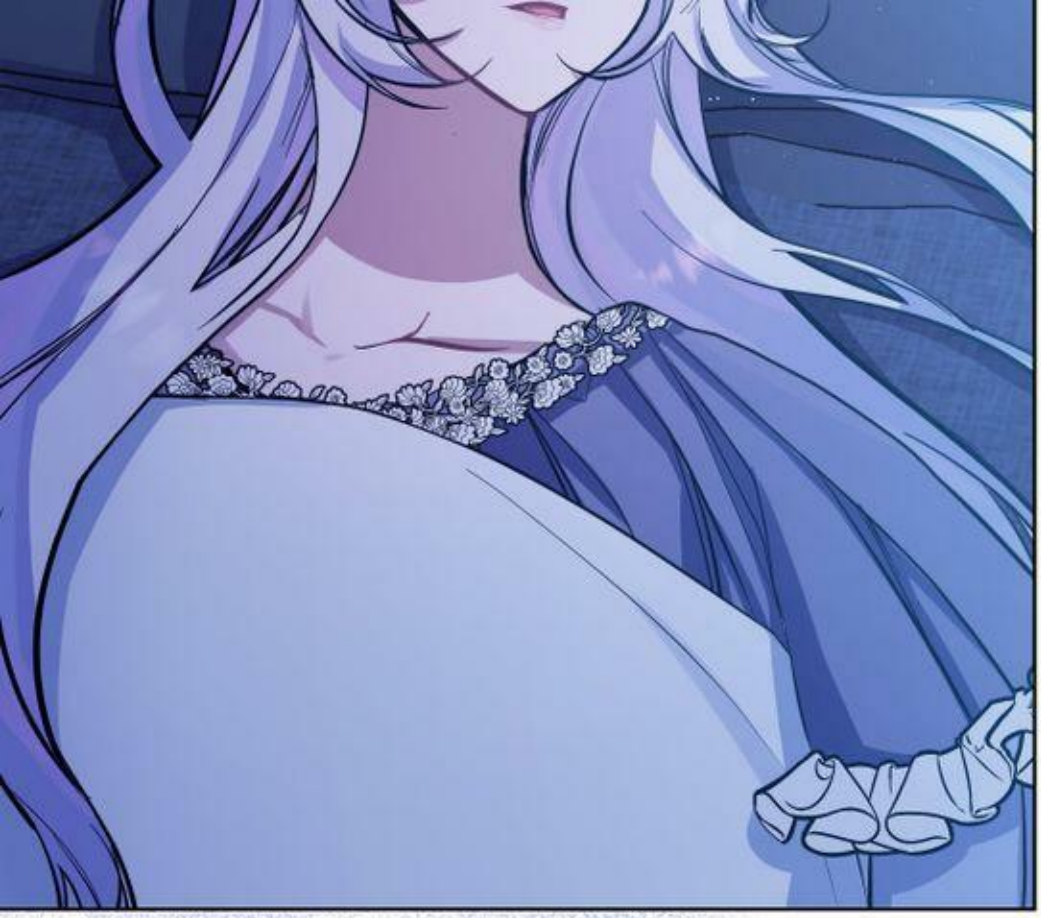
OR IS IT... SOMEONE ELSE...?

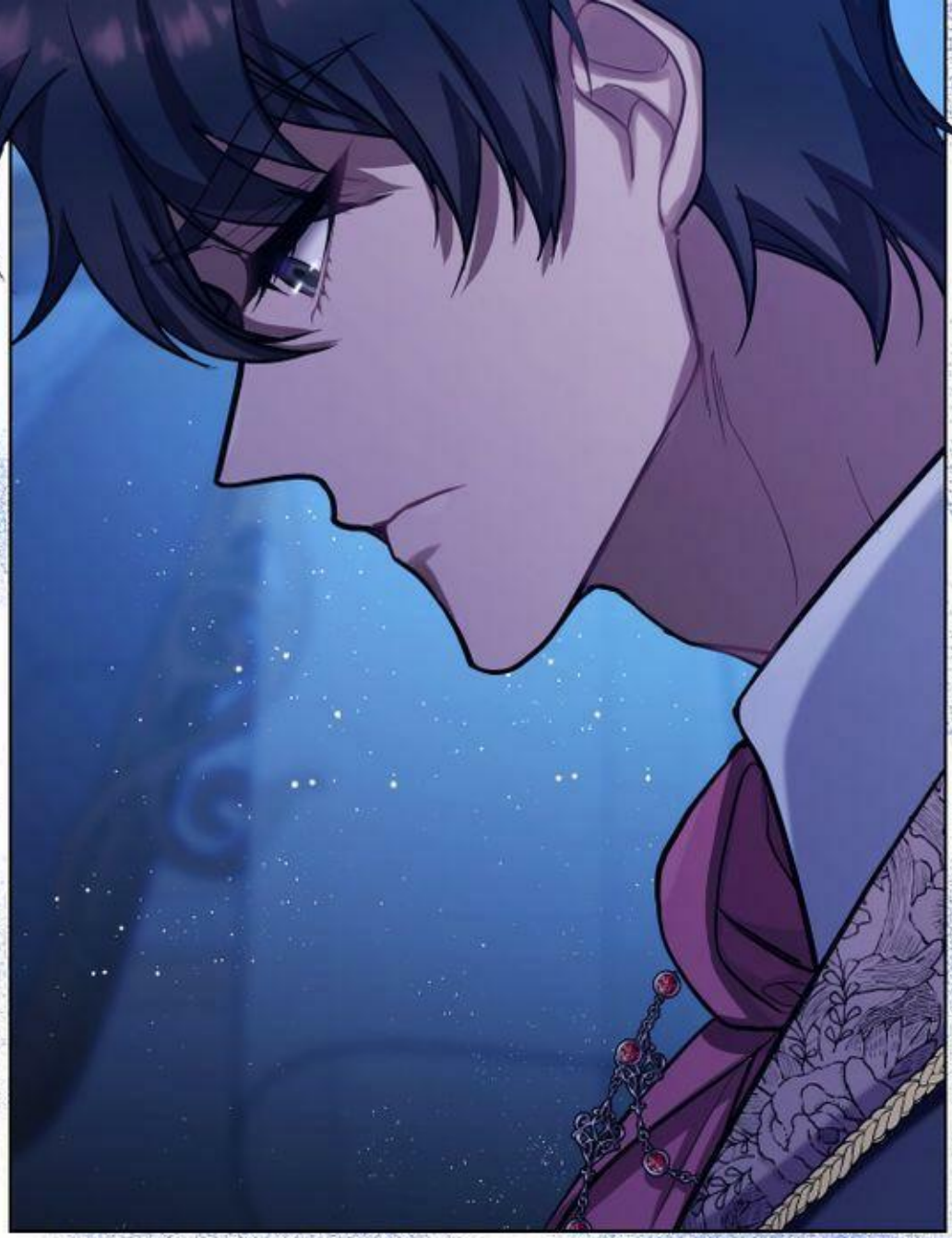
PLEASE DON'T TELL FATHER I'VE COME DOWN WITH A FEVER...

OTHERWISE...
MY SIBLINGS WILL
BE PUNISHED...



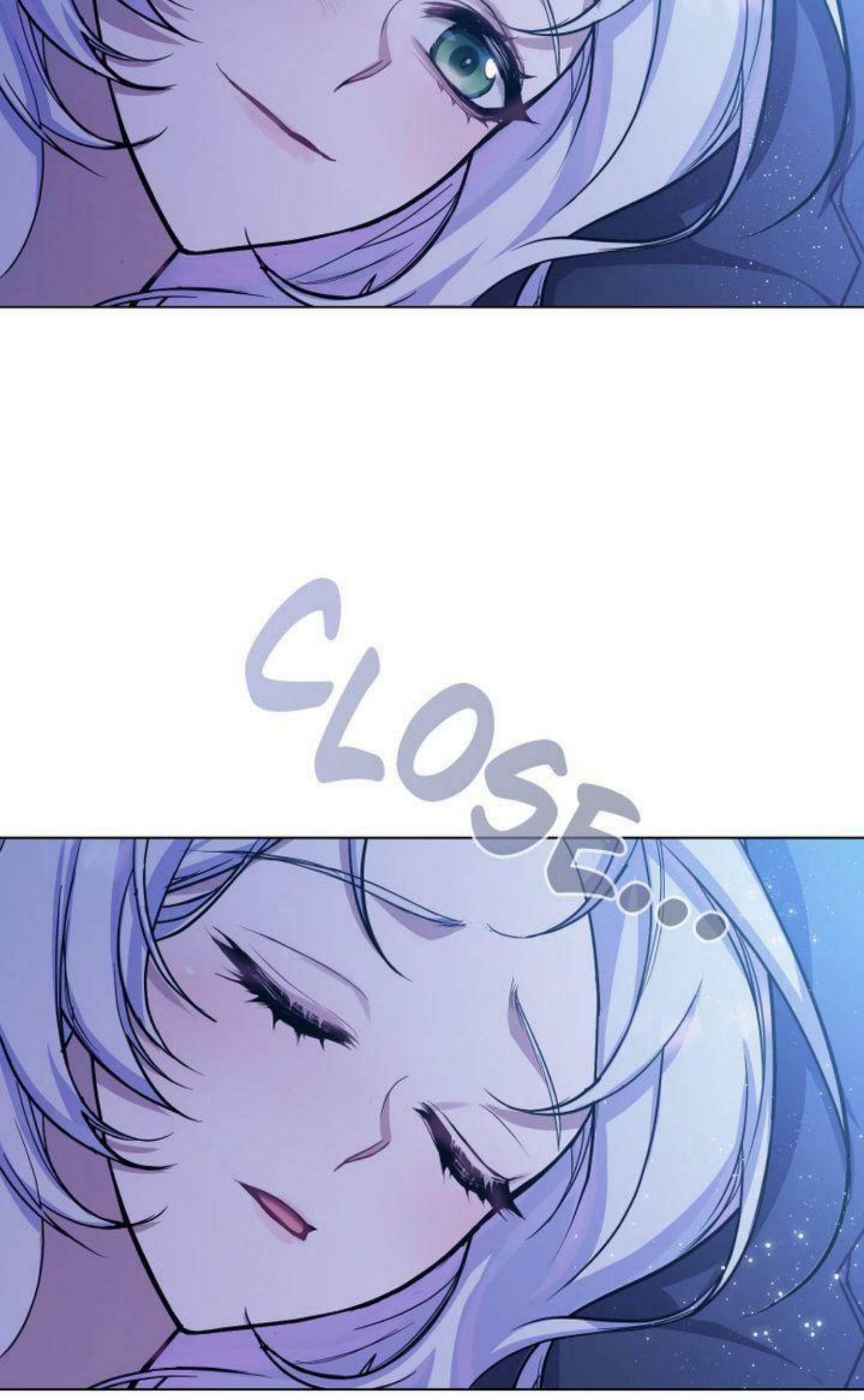
PROMISE ME...





COULD THERE
BE ANOTHER MAN
IN HER LIFE?

...I UNDERSTAND.
I'LL DO AS YOU
WISH.


CLOSE...

I'LL WATCH
OVER HER TONIGHT.
YOU MAY GO.

BUT, IF I MAY...

HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO HIDE YOUR FACE

FROM HER?

I CAN'T POSSIBLY SHOW SUCH A FRAIL WOMAN THIS FACE OF MINE, LEST I SHOCK HER.

WHAT?

WHAT'S SO SHOCKING ABOUT HIS FACE...?

YOUR GRACE, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, HAVE YOU EVER LOOKED INTO A MIRROR BEFORE?

THERE'S NEVER BEEN A REASON TO...

STEP

STEP

NOT WITH THIS HIDEOUS FACE OF MINE.

Disobey
the Duke

the Duke if You Dare

EP 3

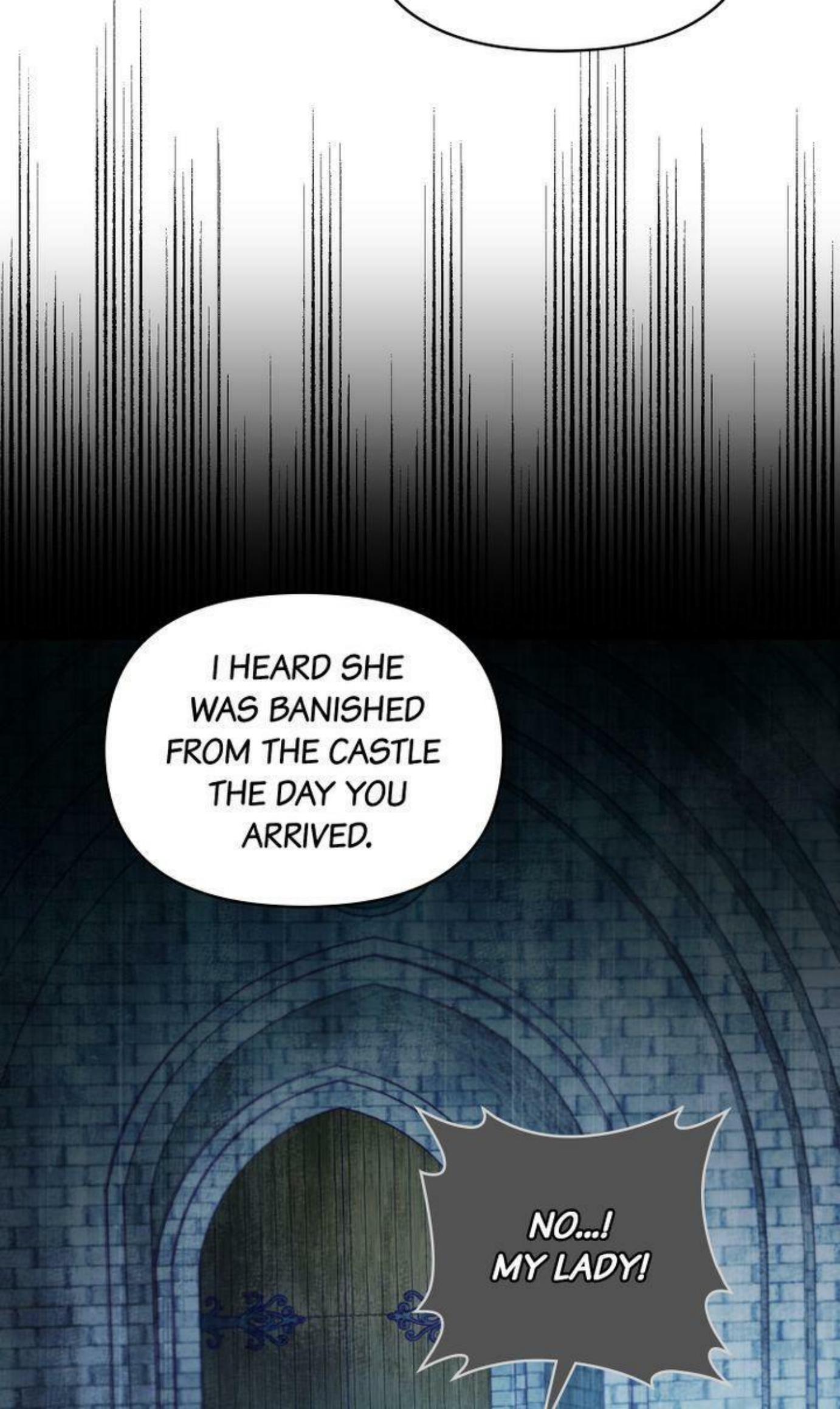
THANK YOU,
BUTTERCUP.

MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES, MY LADY.

I SHOULD NEVER HAVE BROUGHT YOU TO THE GREENHOUSE THE OTHER DAY. THAT WAS SO THOUGHTLESS OF ME...

IT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT, BUTTERCUP. NONE OF IT WAS YOUR FAULT.

BY THE WAY, I HAVEN'T SEEN MY HANDMAID FOR QUITE SOME TIME...
NOT THAT I MIND, BUT...
OH!
IF YOU MEAN THE WOMAN WHO ACCOMPANIED YOU,


I HEARD SHE WAS BANISHED FROM THE CASTLE THE DAY YOU ARRIVED.
NO...! MY LADY!

BUT IF I'M BEING HONEST, I'M NOT ENTIRELY CERTAIN...

IT'S ALL RIGHT, BUTTERCUP. I'M THE ONE WHO BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT.

KNOCK
KNOCK

MAY I ENTER,
MY LADY?

I'M IN GOOD HEALTH NOW, THANKS TO YOU. OH, AND I'M SORRY I WASN'T ABLE TO PROPERLY INTRODUCE MYSELF EARLIER...

NO, NO,
NOT AT ALL.

I'M THE ONE
WHO SHOULD BE
APOLOGIZING FOR NOT
HAVING INTRODUCED
MYSELF EARLIER.

MY NAME'S
IVAN KIRCHEN,

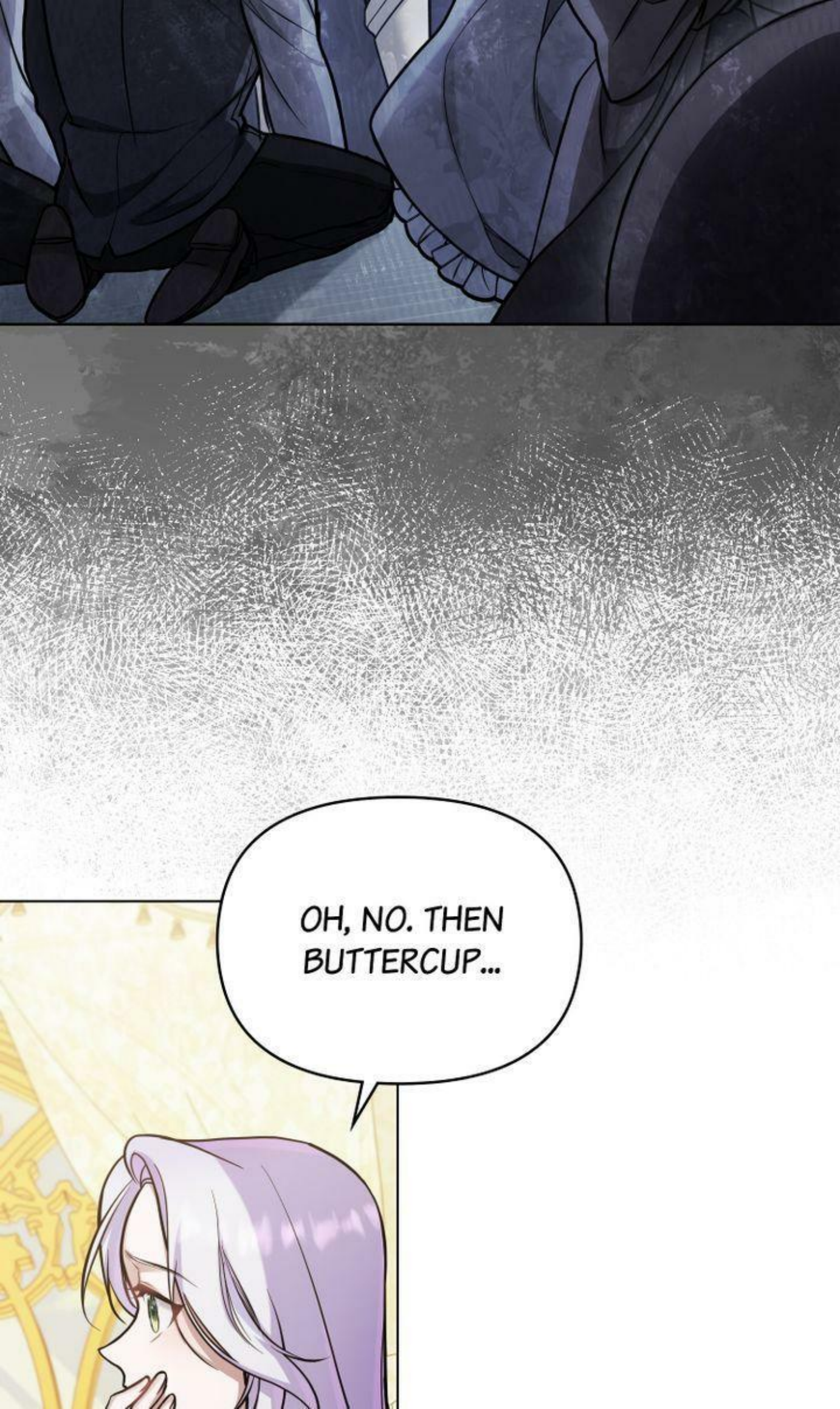
AND I'M THE DUKE'S LOYAL PRIEST.

ANYHOW, THANK YOU FOR RECOVERING SO QUICKLY, MY LADY.

IT'D BE MOST INCONVIENENT WERE HE TO HAVE SLIT THE THROAT OF YET ANOTHER STAFF MEMBER...

DO YOU MEAN
TO SAY... HE KILLED ONE
OF THE STAFF SIMPLY
BECAUSE I HAD
A FEVER?

YES, MORE THAN ONE ACTUALLY... IT'S A TRUE SHAME... THEY WERE DECENT FOLKS.

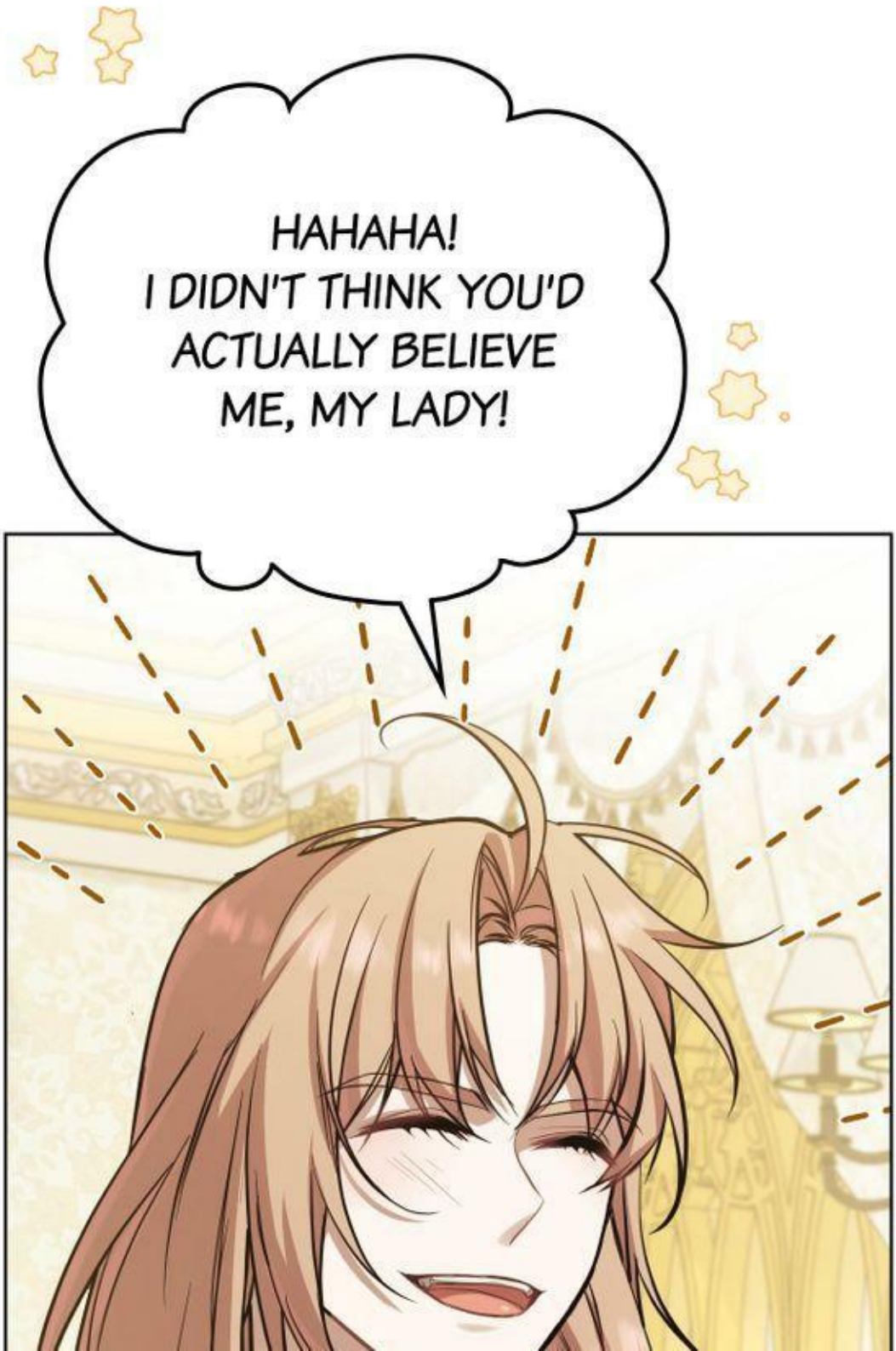

OH, NO. THEN BUTTERCUP...

SHE WAS A CAPABLE MAID, SO SHE BARELY ESCAPED WITH HER LIFE.

HOW CAN THAT—

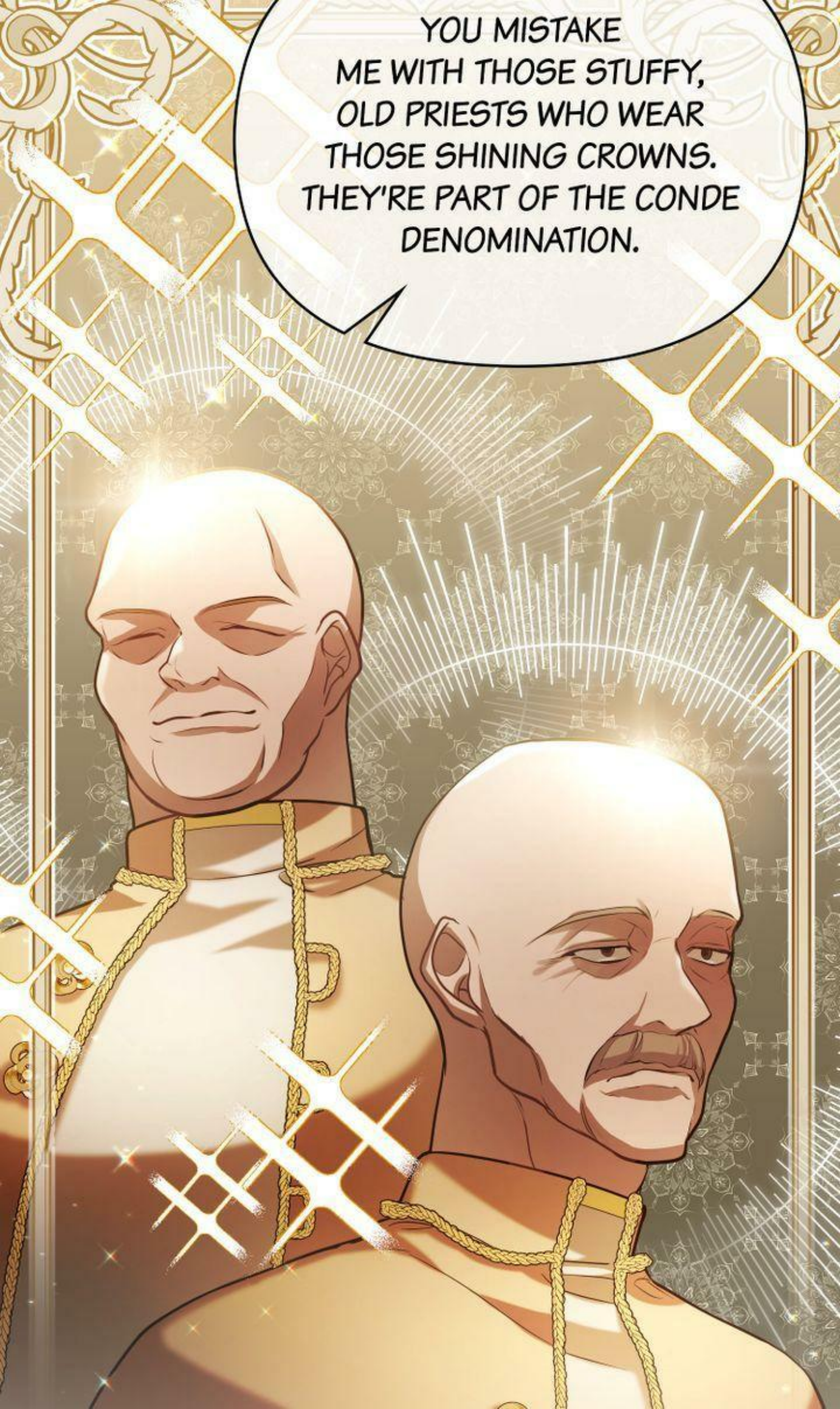
HAHA, I'M JUST KIDDING.

...HUH?


HAHAHA!
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D
ACTUALLY BELIEVE
ME, MY LADY!

THOSE SORTS OF JOKES ARE UNBECOMING OF A PRIEST.

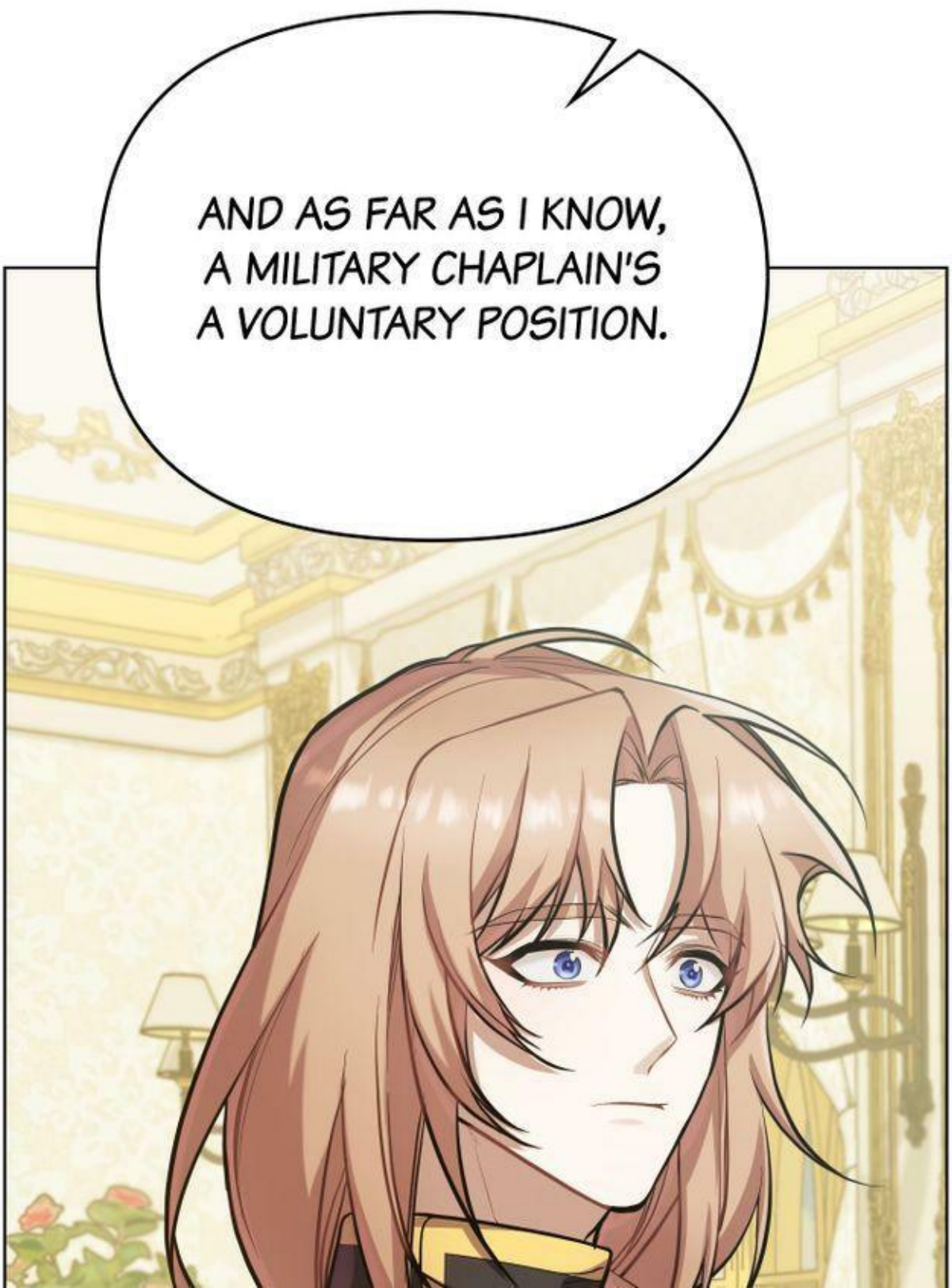
ANNOYED...


YOU MISTAKE
ME WITH THOSE STUFFY,
OLD PRIESTS WHO WEAR
THOSE SHINING CROWNS.
THEY'RE PART OF THE CONDE
DENOMINATION.

BUT, YOU SEE,
ME AND MY LUSCIOUS
LOCKS ARE PART OF THE
HEICSTER SECT.
JUST THINK
OF ME AS A PITIFUL
CHAPLAIN,
ONE THAT'S BEEN
DRAGGED AROUND FROM
ONE BATTLEFIELD TO THE
NEXT BY MY MERCILESS

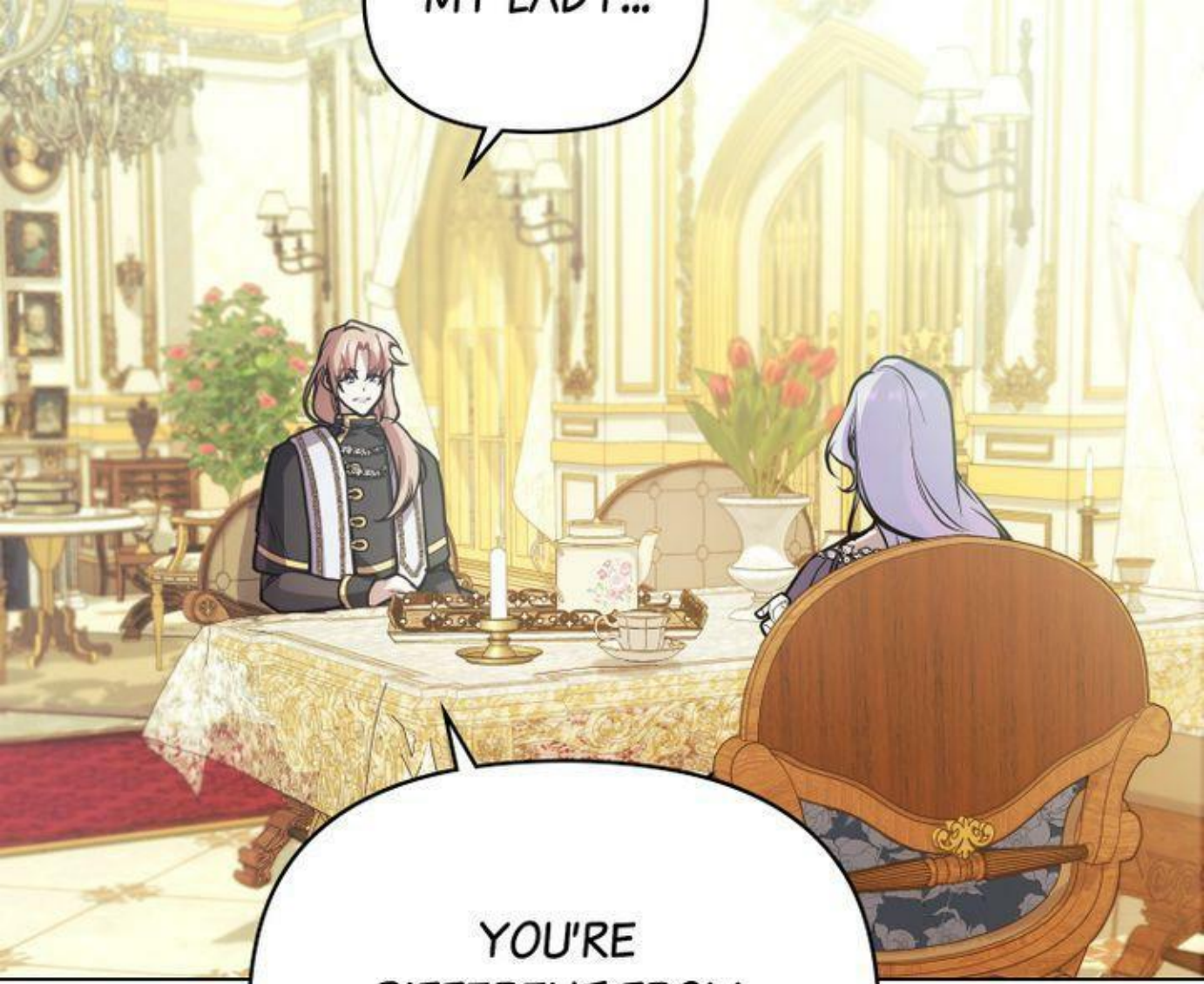
MASTER.
TREMBLE...

DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOU'RE SATISFIED WITH YOUR LIFE AS IT IS?
I MEAN, SEEING AS YOU HAVEN'T YET GIVEN UP YOUR PRIESTHOOD YET.
SWIRL


AND AS FAR AS I KNOW,
A MILITARY CHAPLAIN'S
A VOLUNTARY POSITION.

SO WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ENTIRELY TRUTHFUL.

MY LADY



HAHA,

I'D TRULY LIKE TO
SEE YOU AND THE DUKE
SUPPORT EACH OTHER
AND SUCCEED
TOGETHER.

.....

WHAT KIND OF MAN IS THE DUKE EXACTLY?

I'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR ACCOUNT OF HIM.

WHAT WILL I POSSIBLY
DO IF HE LOSES INTEREST
IN A WOMAN WHO CAN'T
BEAR A CHILD?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT...

YOU MEAN YOU HAVEN'T YET SEEN HIS FACE?

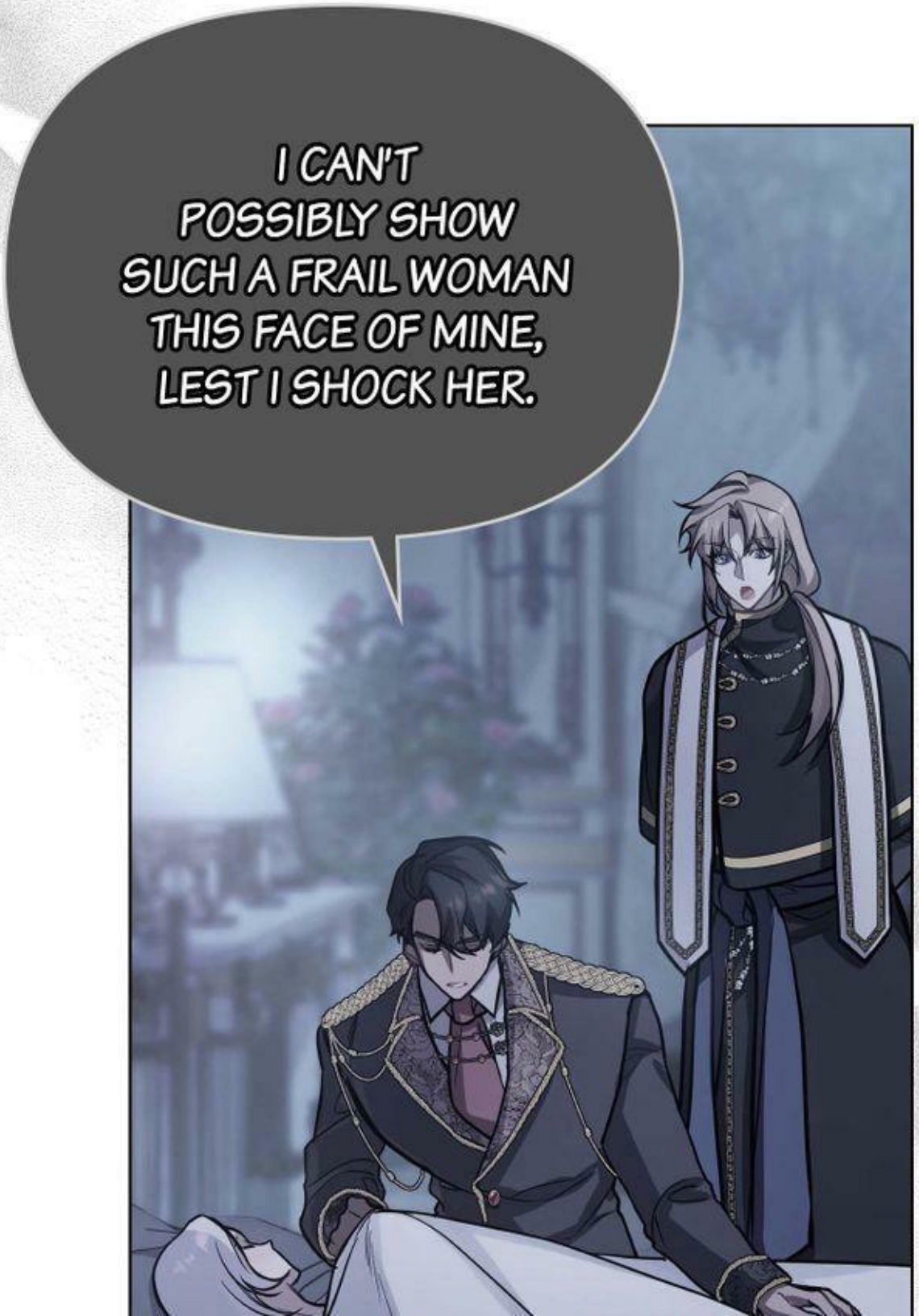
YES, THOUGH WE'VE ALREADY SPENT THE NIGHT TOGETHER, I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE...

HE WAS EITHER BEHIND ME OR MY EYES WERE KEPT COVERED...

YOU NEEDN'T EXPLAIN ANY FURTHER. I GET WHAT'S GOING ON.

YOU SEE, THE DUKE'S SOMEWHAT OF AN AWKWARD

FELLOW.


I CAN'T POSSIBLY SHOW SUCH A FRAIL WOMAN THIS FACE OF MINE, LEST I SHOCK HER.

HE HAS A STRANGE COMPLEX OVER SOMETHING VERY INSIGNIFICANT...

HMM...

DING!

FLINCH!
THINGS CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS.

IF YOU WANT
TO SEE HIS FACE,
THEN I'LL MAKE SURE
YOU DO, MY LADY!

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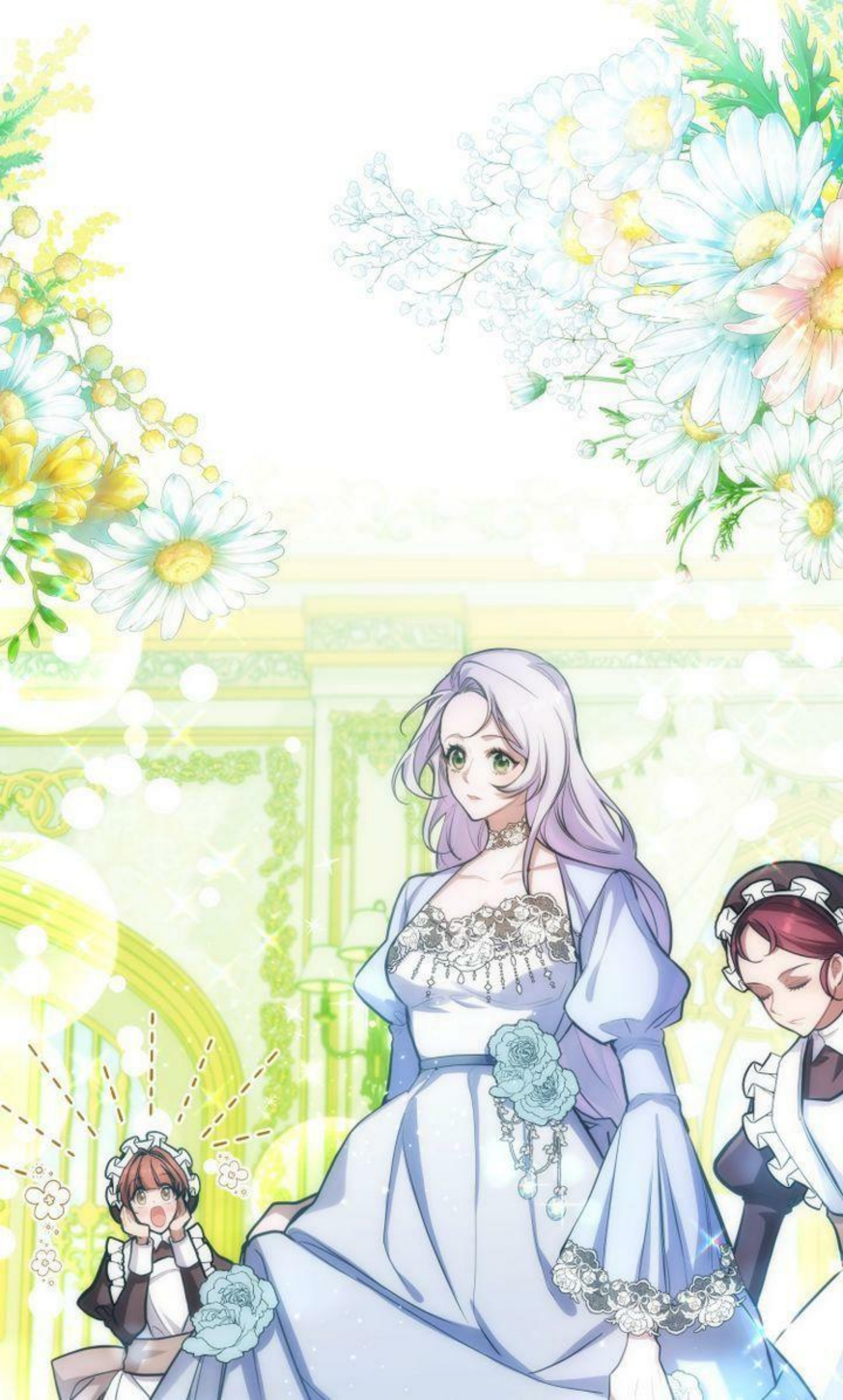

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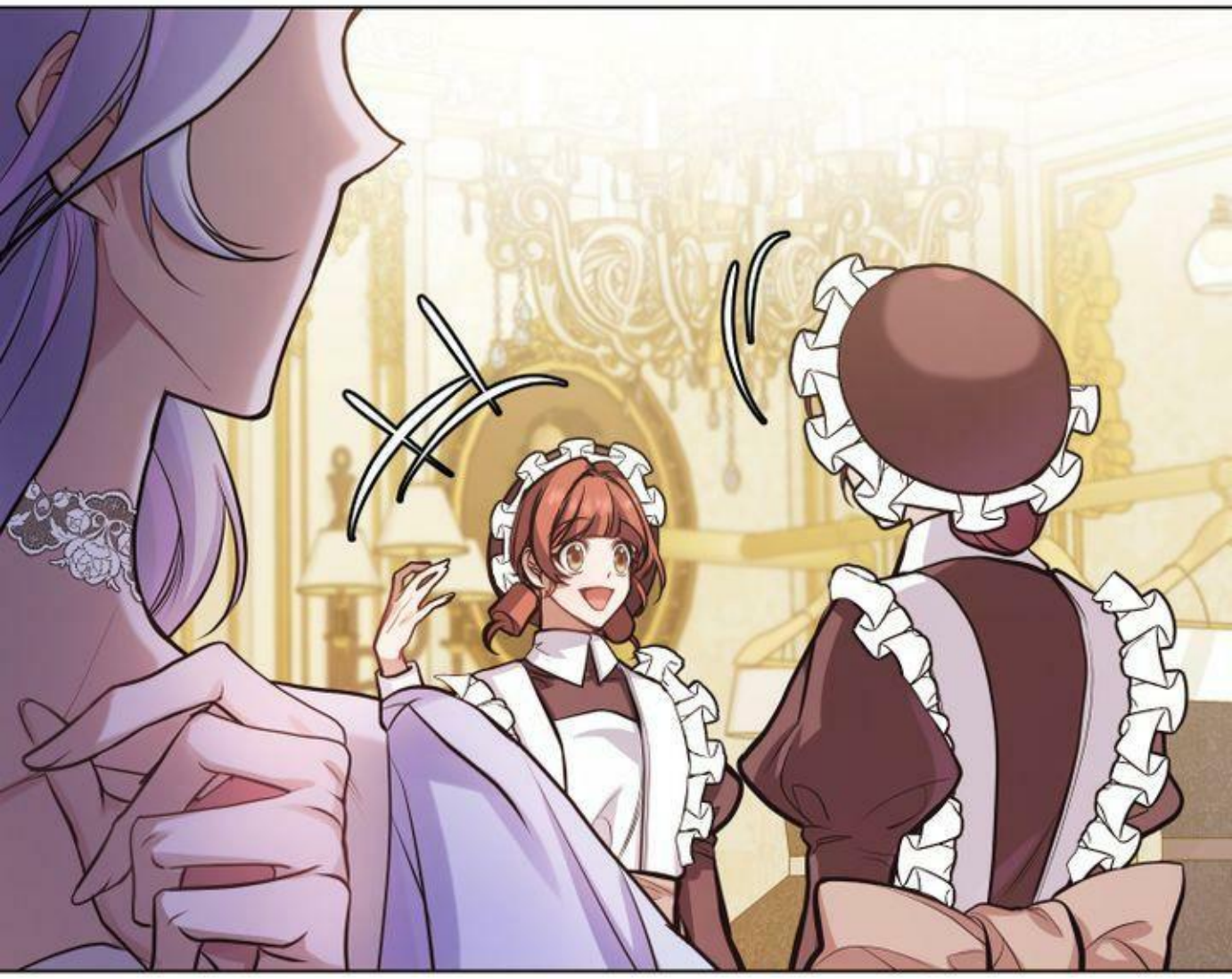
OH MY GOODNESS!

IF I WERE THE DUKE, I'D FALL FOR YOU INSTANTLY!

EVERYTHING SHE WEARS LOOKS GOOD ON HER,
SO I THINK HER OVERCOAT SHOULD BE AS EYE-CATCHING AS POSSIBLE.
NOD
NOD



I WISH I COULD
MAKE SMALL TALK
WITH THEM TOO...

I'LL HAVE TO
ASK BUTTERCUP
TO TEACH ME
SIGN LANGUAGE.

LET'S TRY THIS ON.

WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK, MY LADY?

IT'S PERFECT, BUTTERCUP.
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HAVE THE CHANCE TO WEAR SUCH LUXURIOUS

CLOTHES AS THIS! IT SEEMS BEFITTING ONLY FOR SOMEONE OF THE IMPERIAL FAMILY...

OH, WELL, I HEARD THAT LORD ISLES MADE SOME ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE IMPERIAL PALACE! THAT'S HOW HE WAS ABLE TO GET AHOLD OF CLOTHES LIKE THIS.

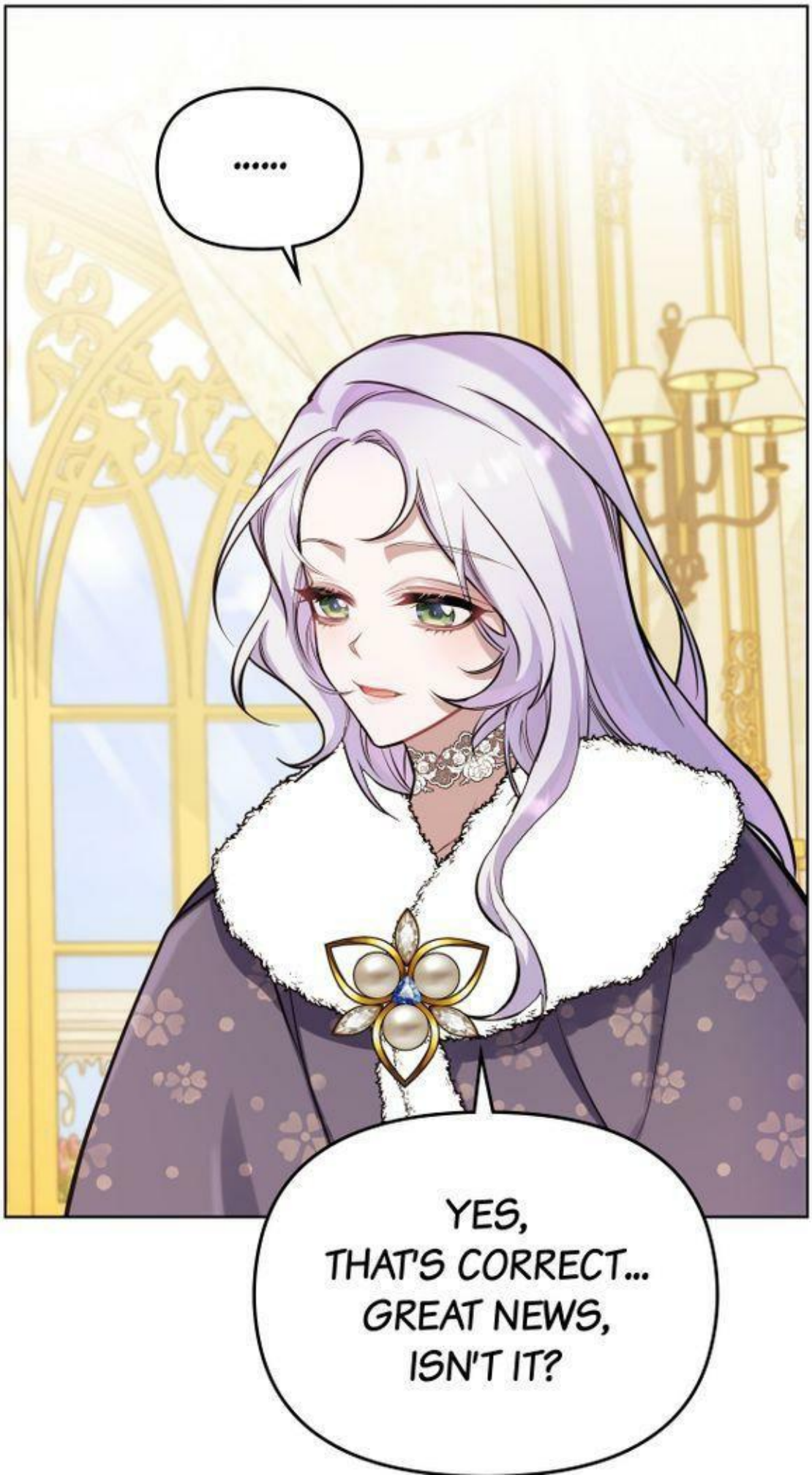
BESIDES,
WE'D WANT NOTHING
LESS FOR THE DAUGHTER
OF A WEALTHY MERCHANT
SUCH AS YOURSELF,
MY LADY!

INTERPRETATION
BY BUTTERCUP

OF COURSE. OH,
LORD ISLES IS NOW
OFFICIALLY A NOBLE,
ISN'T HE?

AFTER ALL, I HEARD HE DISCOVERED THREE DIAMOND MINES...

HE MUST BE QUITE THE RESOURCEFUL MAN!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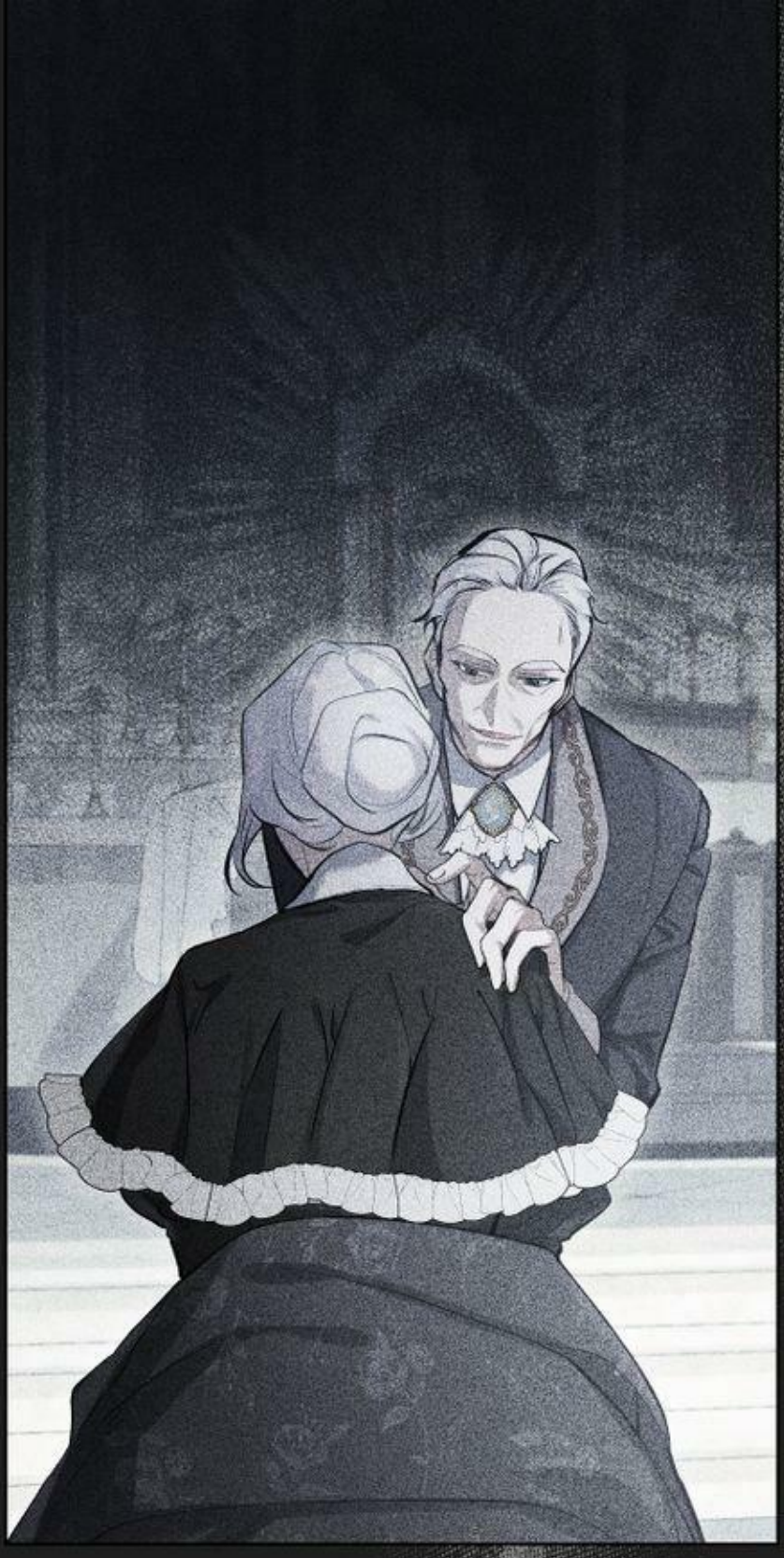
YES,
THAT'S CORRECT...
GREAT NEWS,
ISN'T IT?

HAD I
TURNED DOWN
THIS MARRIAGE,



MY FATHER
WOULD NEVER EVEN
HAVE BEEN ALLOWED
TO WORK WITH THE
IMPERIAL PALACE IN
THE FIRST PLACE...

NEVER MIND THE FACT THAT I'M THE ONE WHO DISCOVERED THOSE DIAMOND MINES.

KNOCK

KNOCK

PEEK

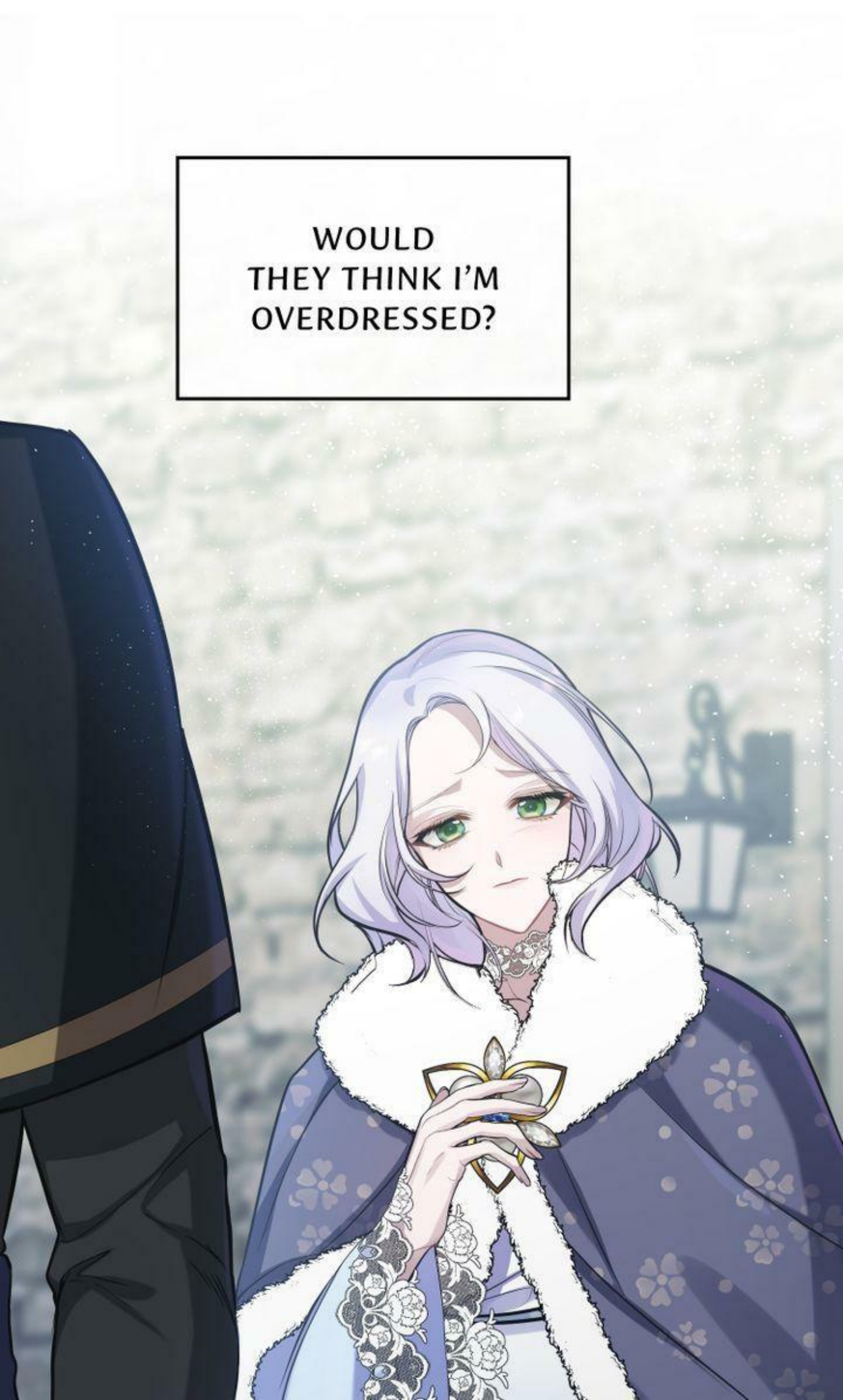
MY LADY,
ARE YOU READY?

Disobey the Duke if You Dare

EP 4

THIS IS THE KNIGHTS' TRAINING GROUND.

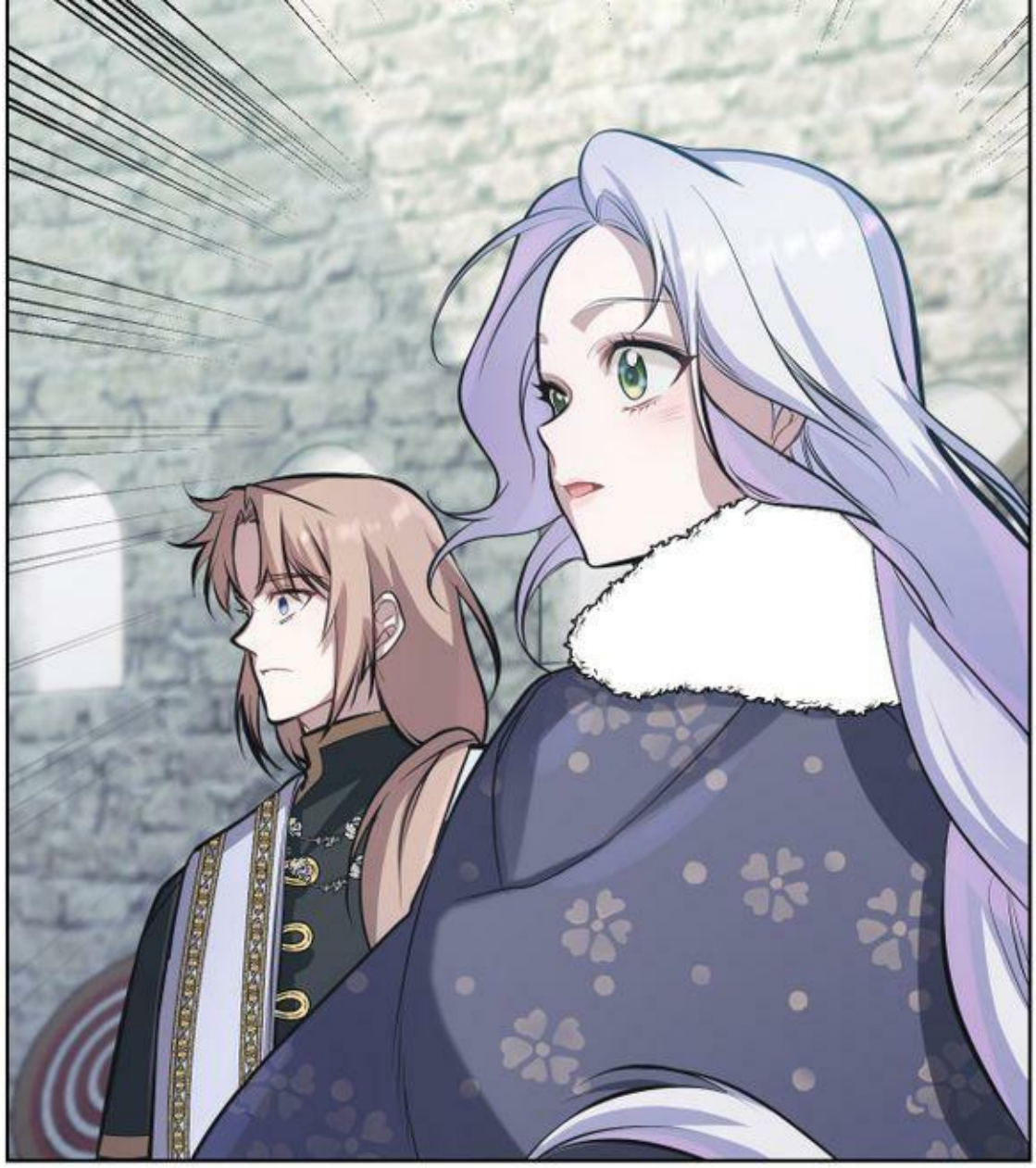
STEP
STEP
STEP


WOULD
THEY THINK I'M
OVERDRESSED?

THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO DRESS THIS LAVISHLY.

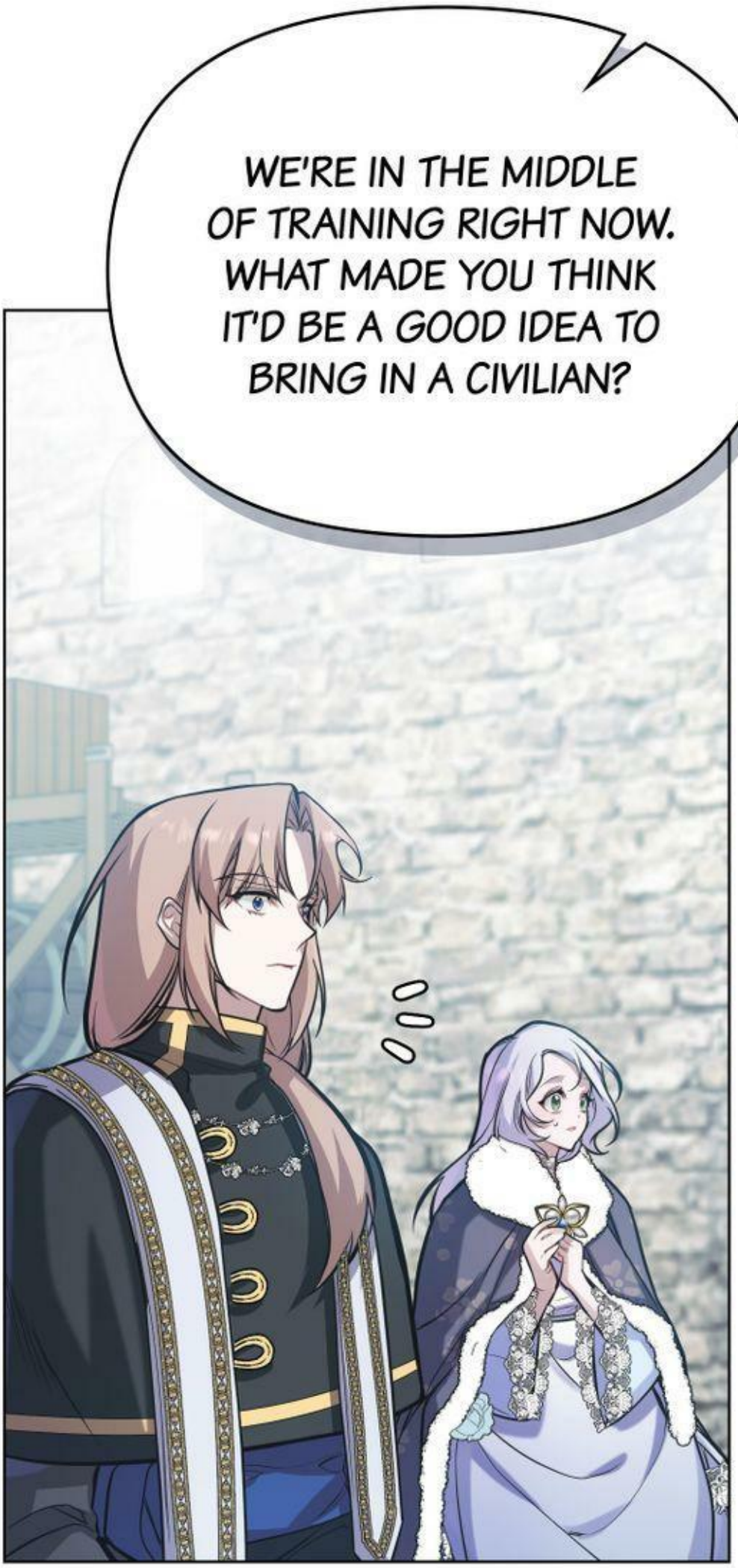
BANG

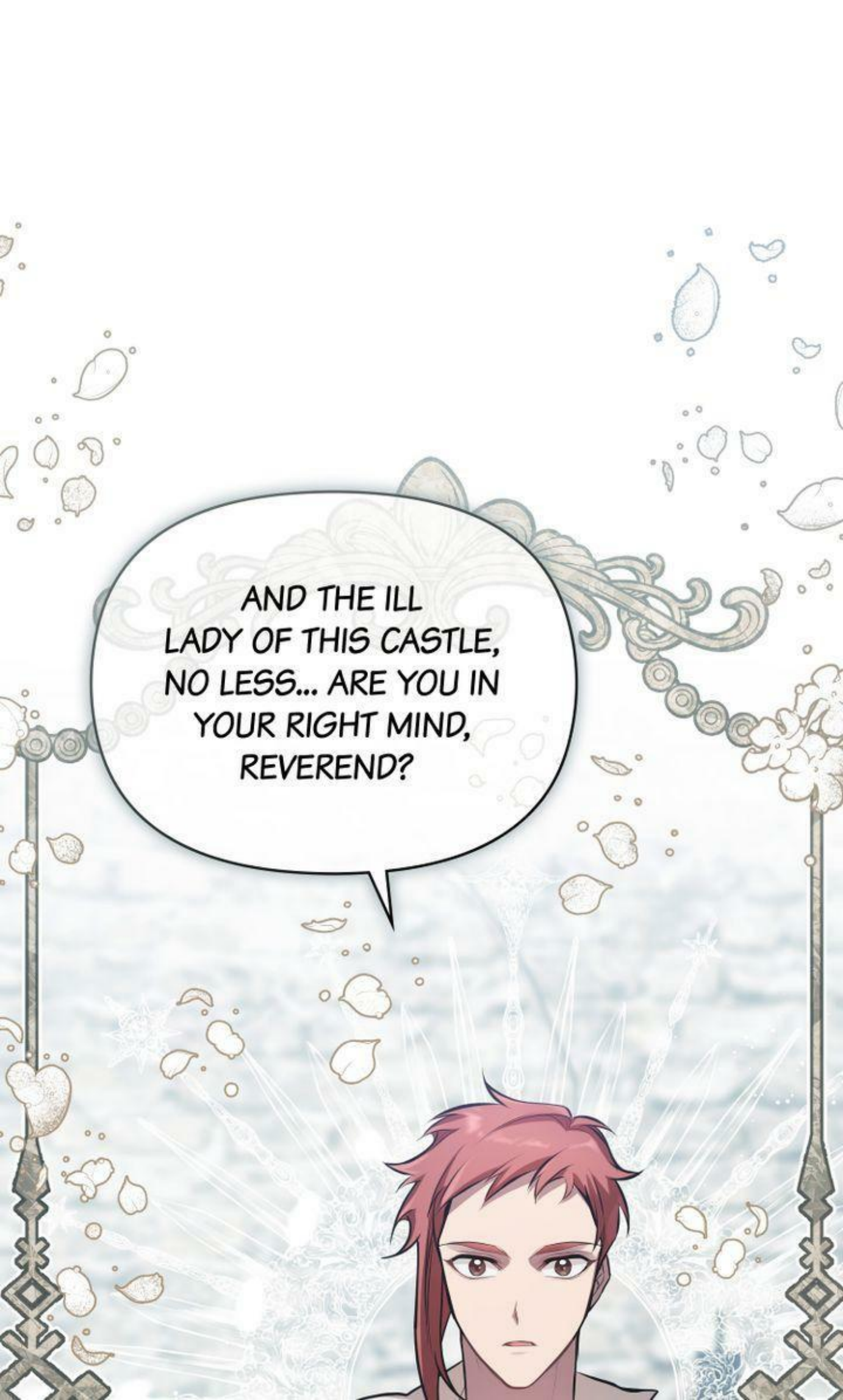
STARTLED



WAS THAT THE

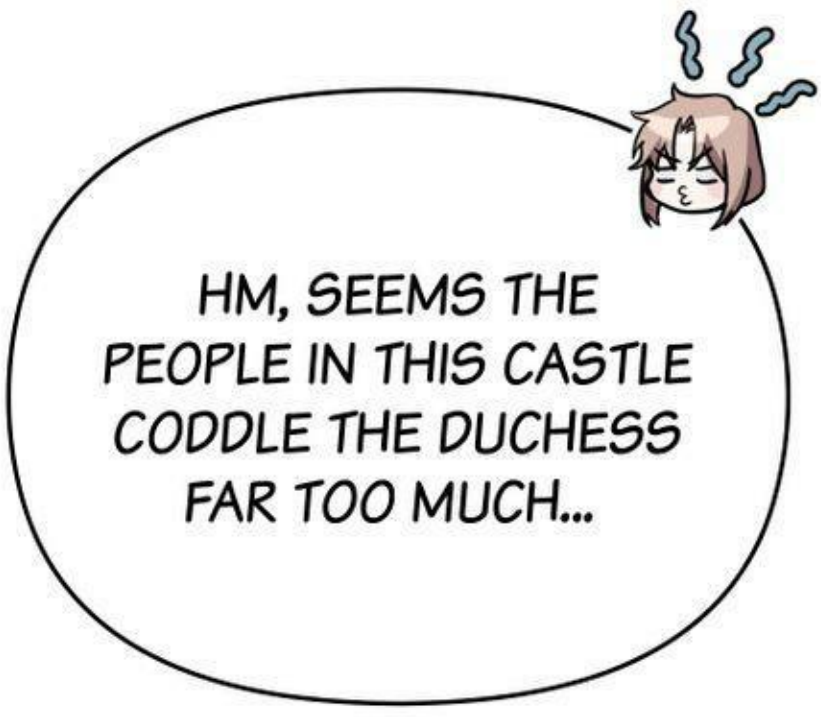
SOUND OF GUNFIRE JUST NOW?
IF THE DUKE'S HURT, THEN...!


WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF TRAINING RIGHT NOW. WHAT MADE YOU THINK IT'D BE A GOOD IDEA TO BRING IN A CIVILIAN?


AND THE ILL LADY OF THIS CASTLE, NO LESS... ARE YOU IN YOUR RIGHT MIND, REVEREND?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MY LADY?

PLEASE REST ASSURED THAT THE GUNFIRE YOU HEARD IS JUST FROM OUR TRAINING.


HM, SEEMS THE PEOPLE IN THIS CASTLE CODDLE THE DUCHESS FAR TOO MUCH...

HAHA

ANYWAY, THAT'S
A RELIEF.

OH, RIGHT!
MAY I ASK YOUR
NAME...?
UM...
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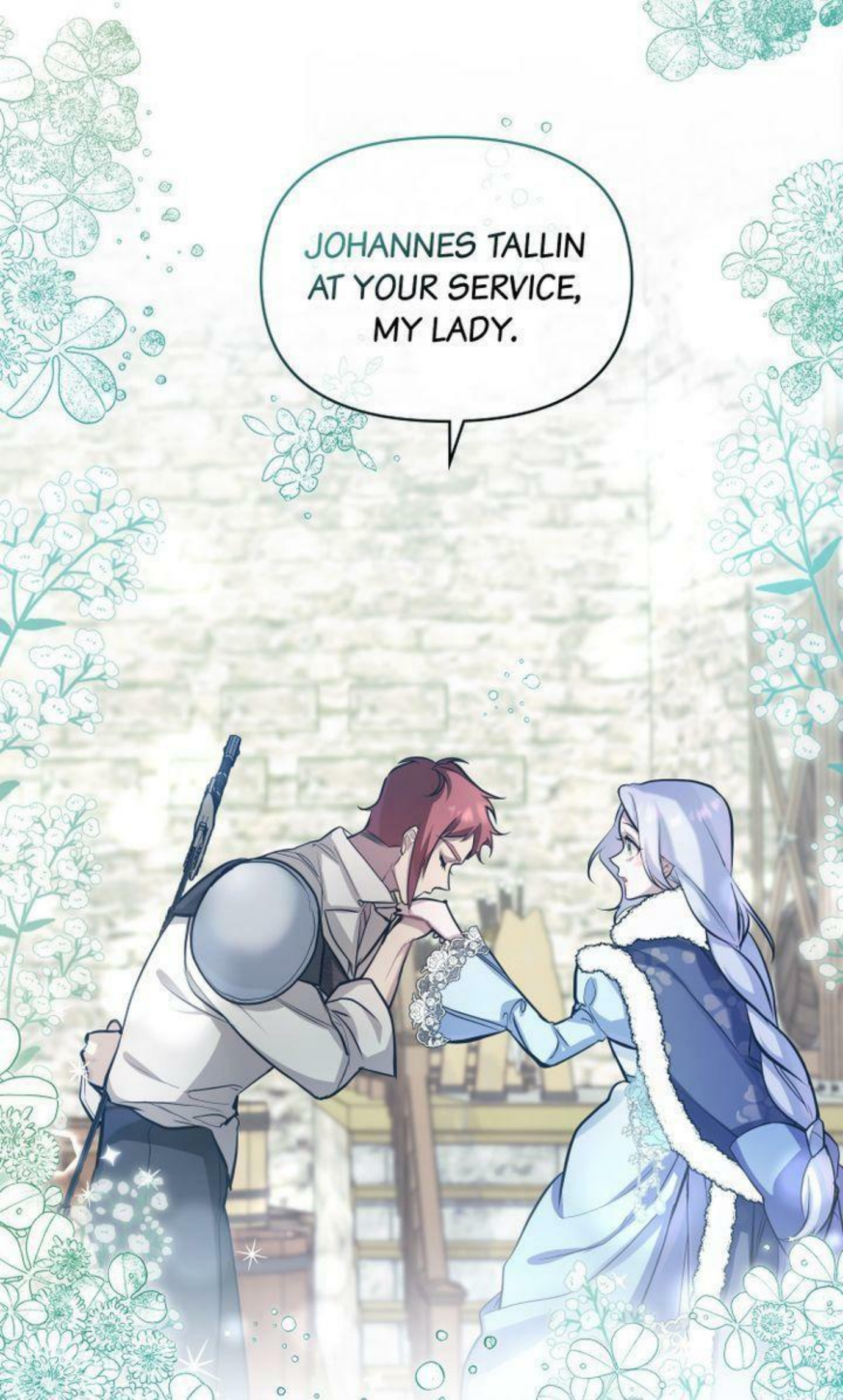
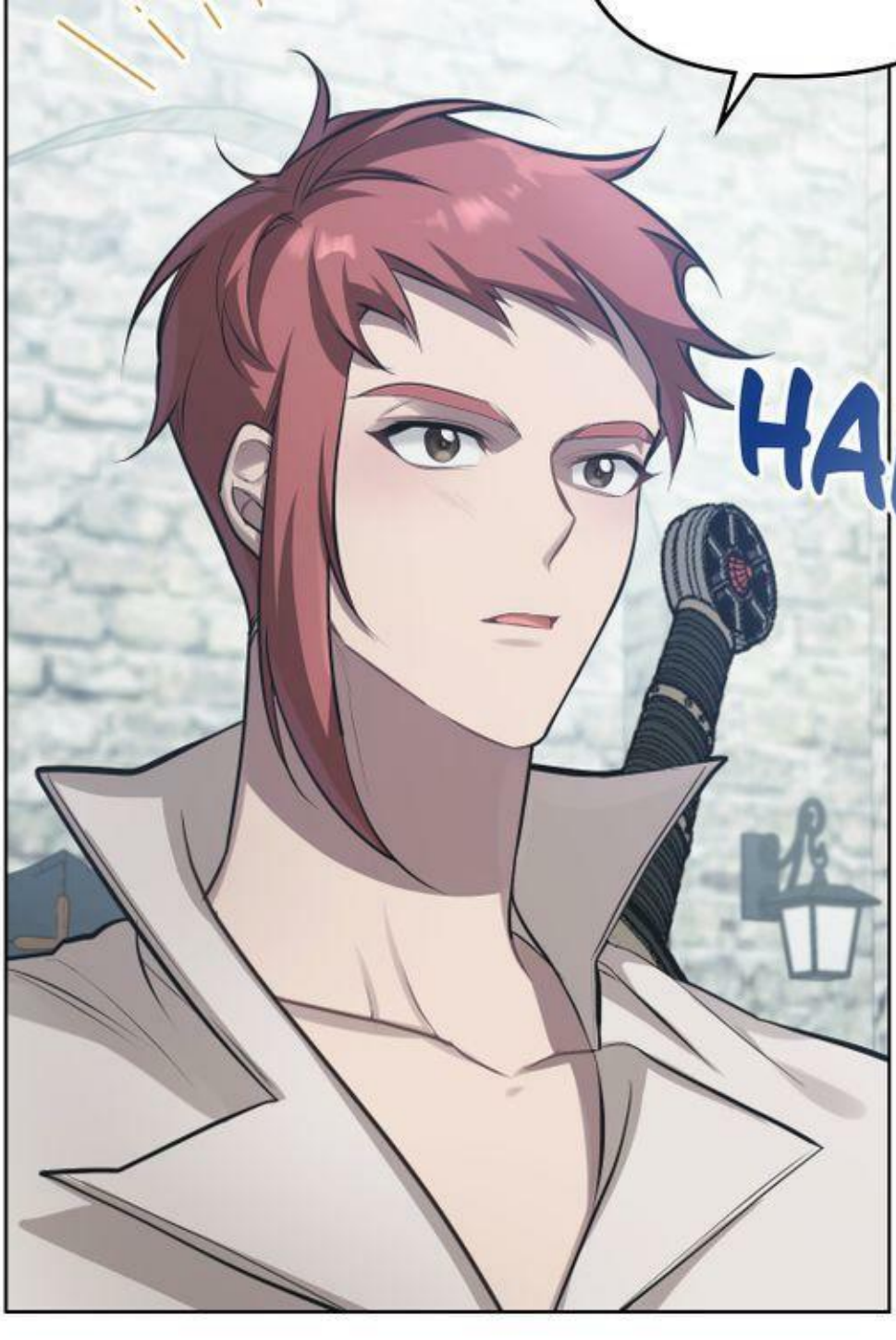

JOHANNES TALLIN
AT YOUR SERVICE,
MY LADY.

SIR TALLIN?

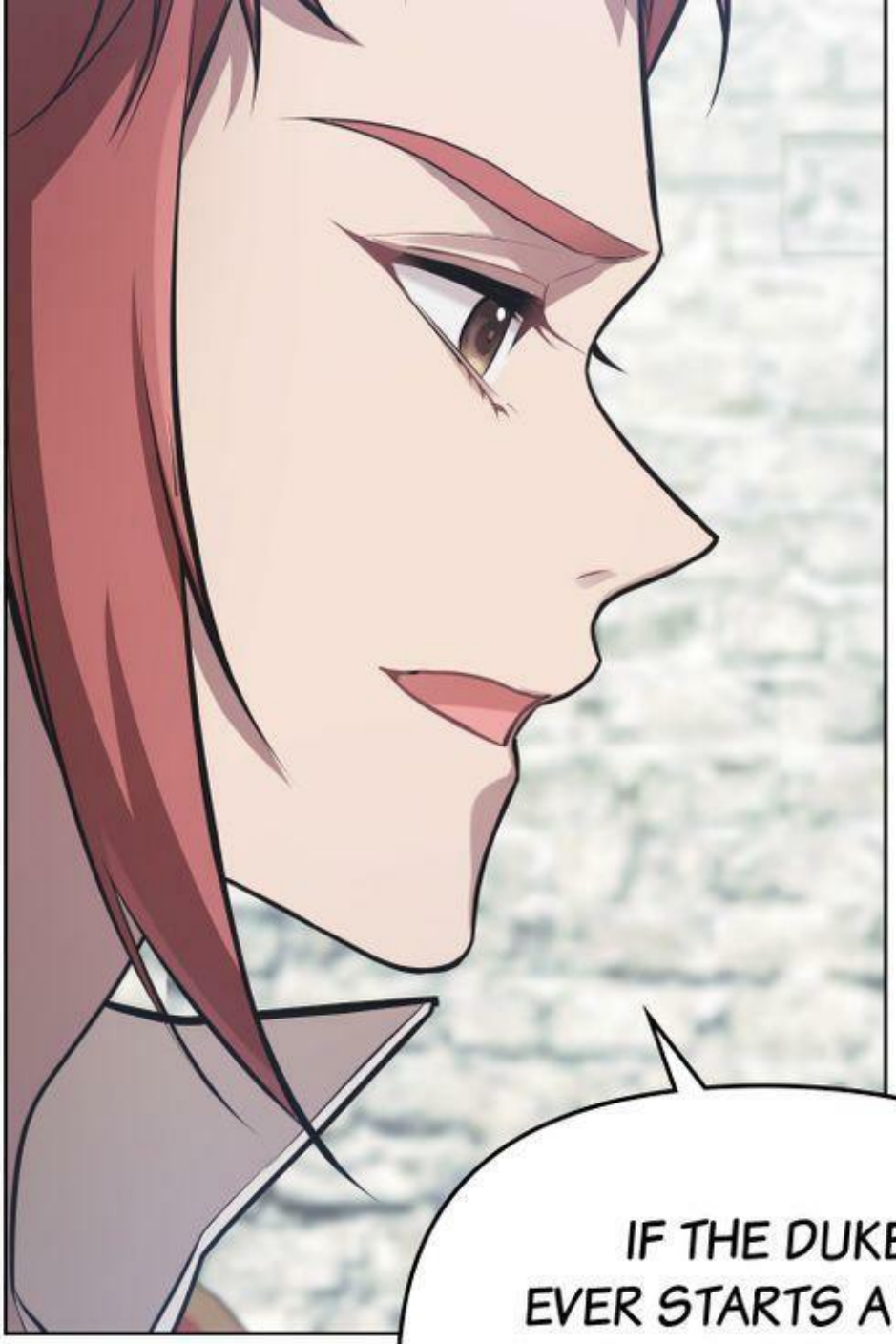
YOU'RE THE KNIGHT WHO ESCORTED ME TO THE CASTLE ON THE FIRST DAY.

OH, YOU REMEMBER!


HAPPY~

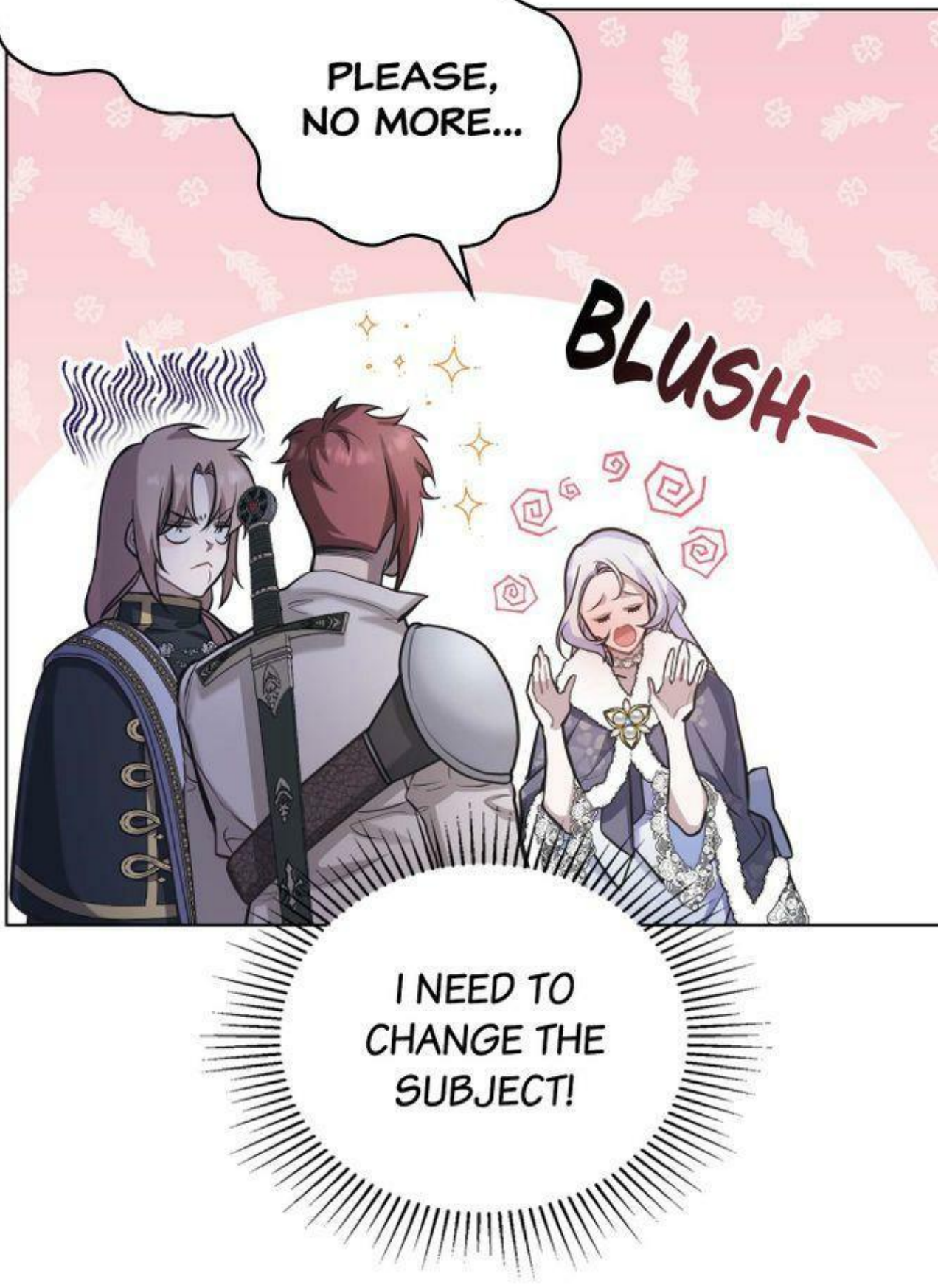
I'VE HEARD
MANY RUMORS,

AND,
I MUST SAY, YOU
TRULY ARE BEAUTIFUL,
MY LADY.


IF THE DUKE
EVER STARTS A WAR
OVER HIS WIFE, I THINK
I'LL UNDERSTAND
WHY.

IT'S SAID THAT,
WHEN THE KING OF THE
WESTERN KINGDOM LAID HIS
HANDS ON THE GRANDDAUGHTER
OF A MARQUESS, THE WHOLE
COUNTRY BROKE OUT
INTO CHAOS.
TALLIN'S FANTASY

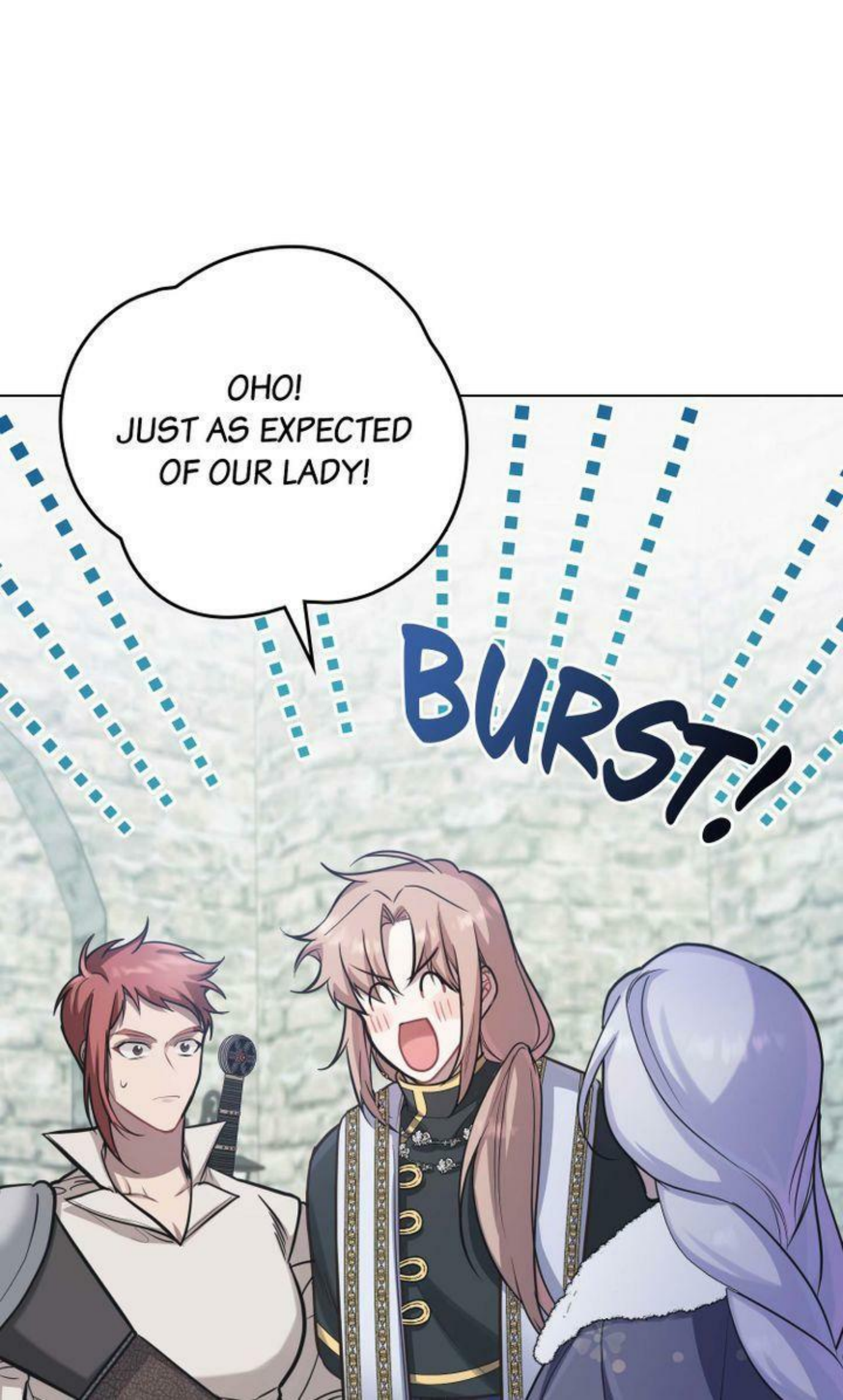
OH GOODNESS,
YOU FLATTER ME
TOO MUCH, SIR...

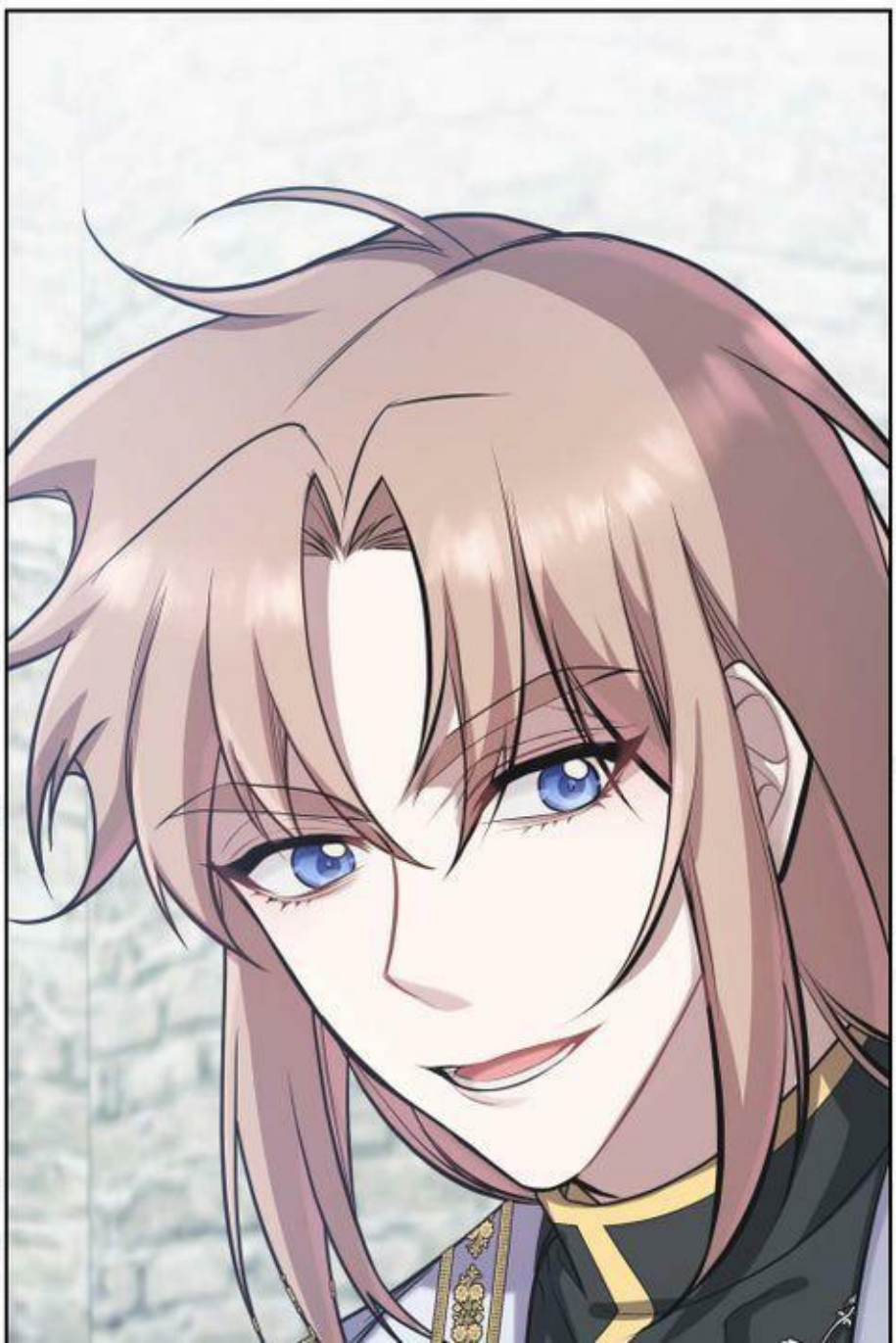

PLEASE, NO MORE...
BLUSH—
I NEED TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT!

SIR TALLIN,
THOSE GUNS...

THEY REQUIRE GUNPOWDER, CORRECT?

I BELIEVE I'VE SEEN THEM A FEW TIMES BEFORE.


OHO!
JUST AS EXPECTED
OF OUR LADY!
BURST!



THE POTENTIAL OF GUNPOWDER IS VAST!

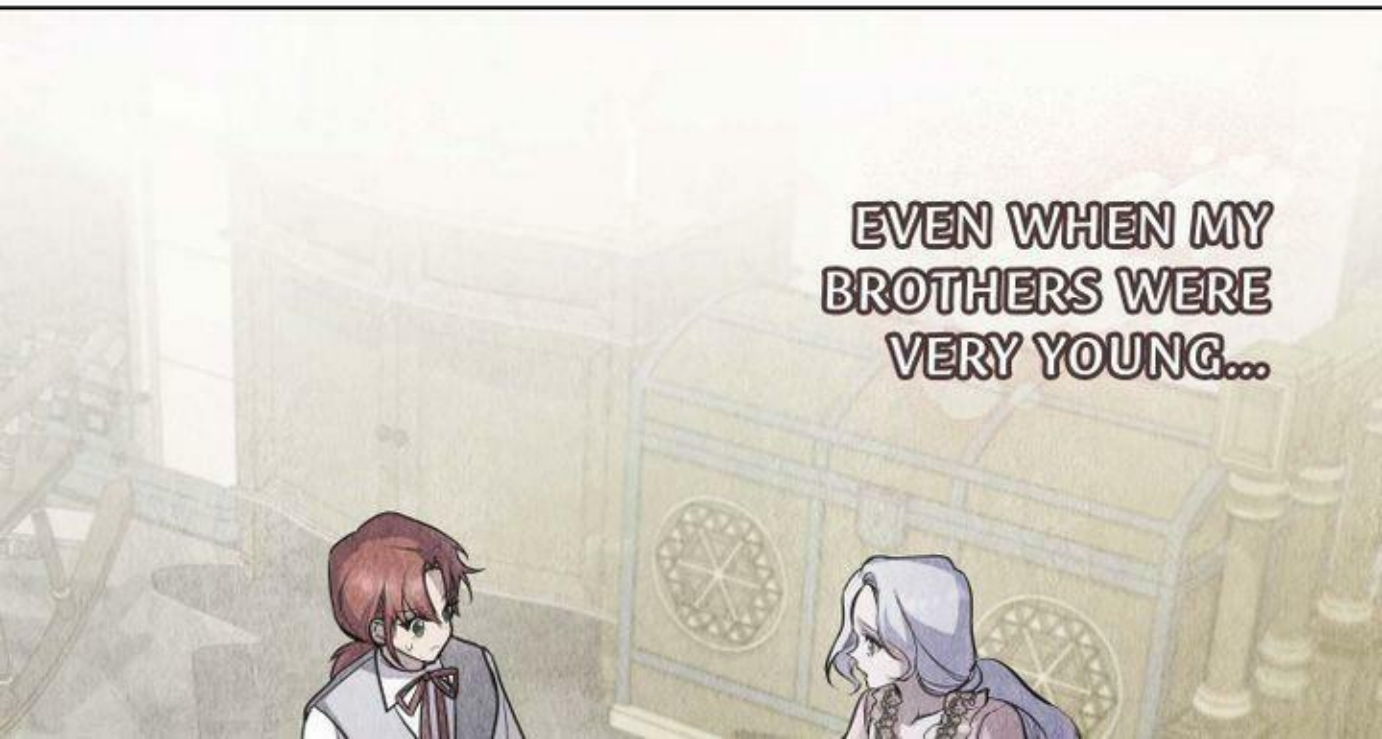
IF SMALL GUNS BECOME MORE WIDESPREAD,

CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY ALIKE WILL BE ABLE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES.
BOW

BUT AT THE SAME TIME, DOESN'T THAT MEAN THERE'S A GREATER RISK OF HARMING OTHERS?

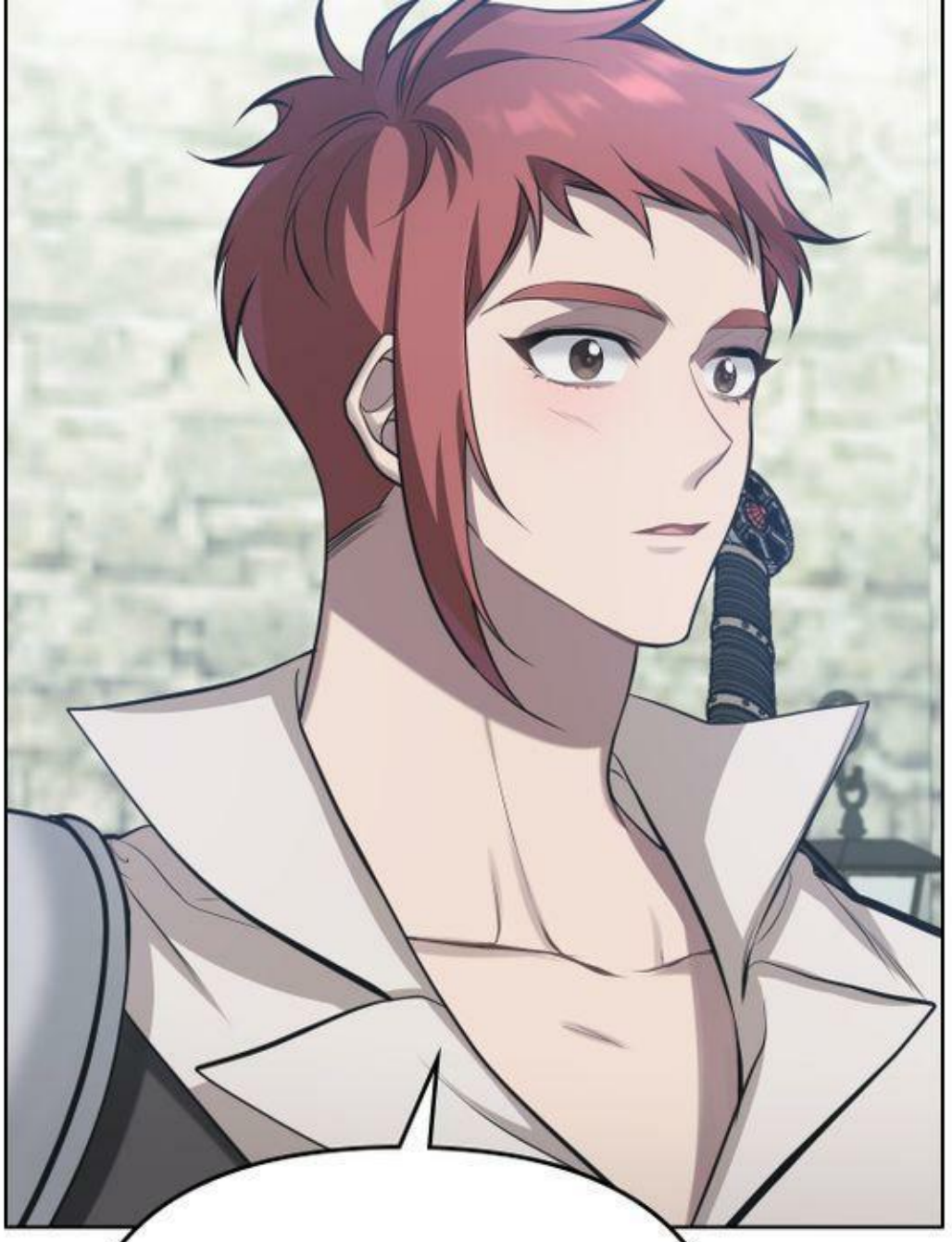
GUNS... IT'S QUITE A HEAVY TOPIC TO THINK ABOUT...

HMM...

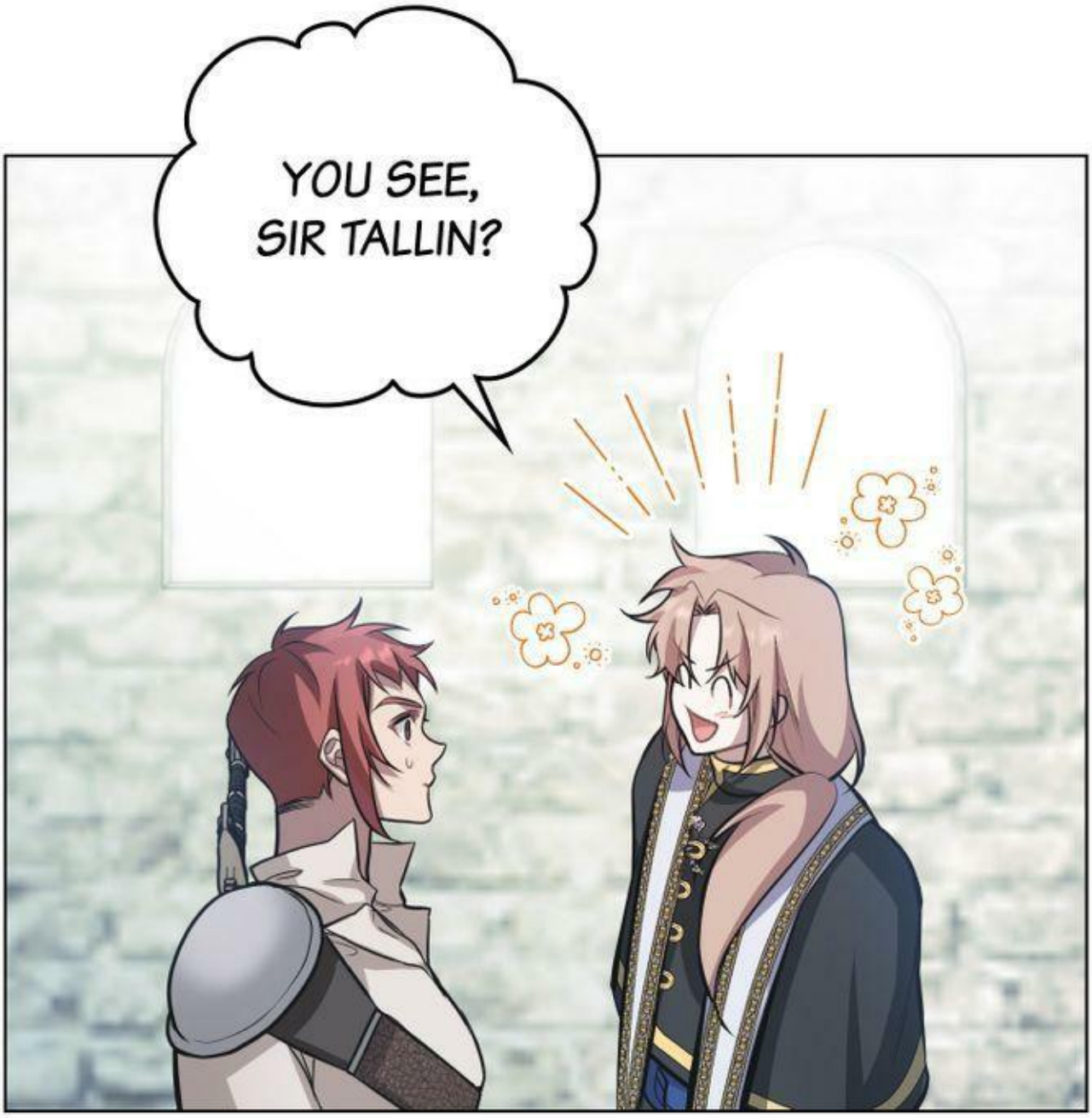

EVEN WHEN MY
BROTHERS WERE
VERY YOUNG...

A MERE SLINGSHOT
WAS ENOUGH TO
CAUSE HARM.

DAZED...



MY LADY, YOUR BEAUTY IS NOTHING COMPARED TO YOUR WISDOM.


YOU SEE,
SIR TALLIN?

I DARE SAY THE LADY HAS MARRIED FAR BENEATH HER...
LOOM

FLINCH

AHEM,
YOUR GRA—
I MEAN...
COMMANDER.
HAHA...

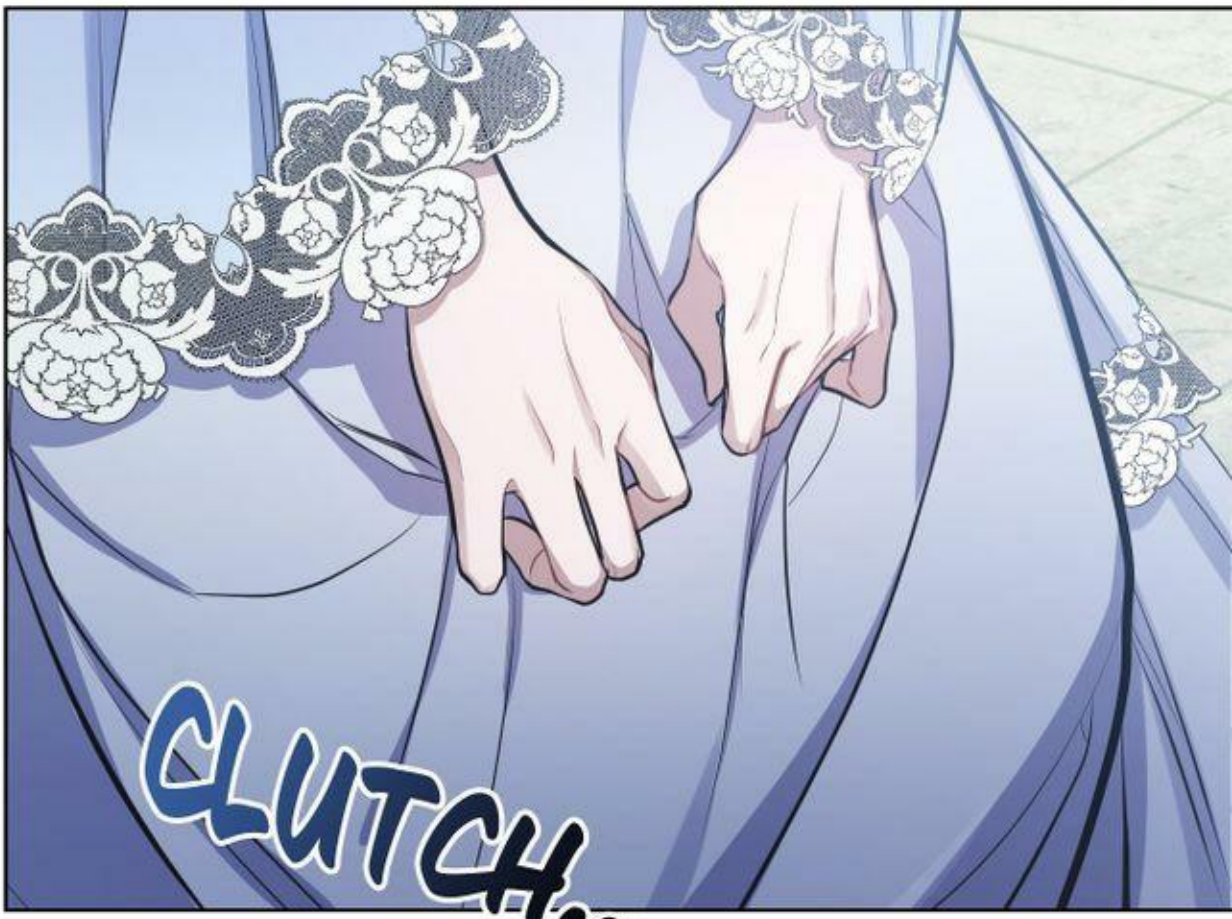
FROM THE START,
I'VE BEEN NOTHING
BUT AN INCONVENIENCE
TO HIM...

WHAT DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE DOING
HERE?

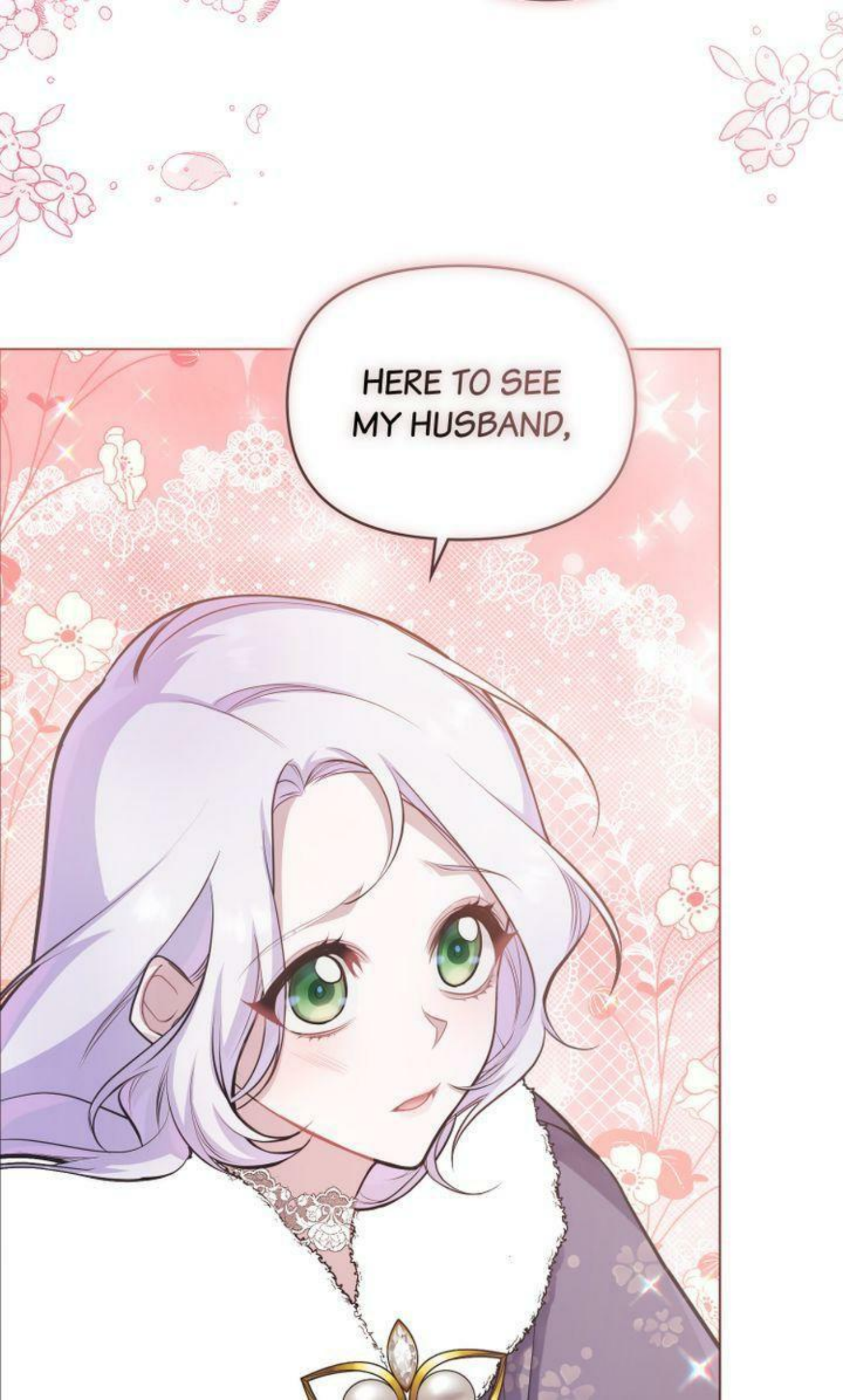
(IS WHAT IT SEEMS
LIKE HE'S SAYING)

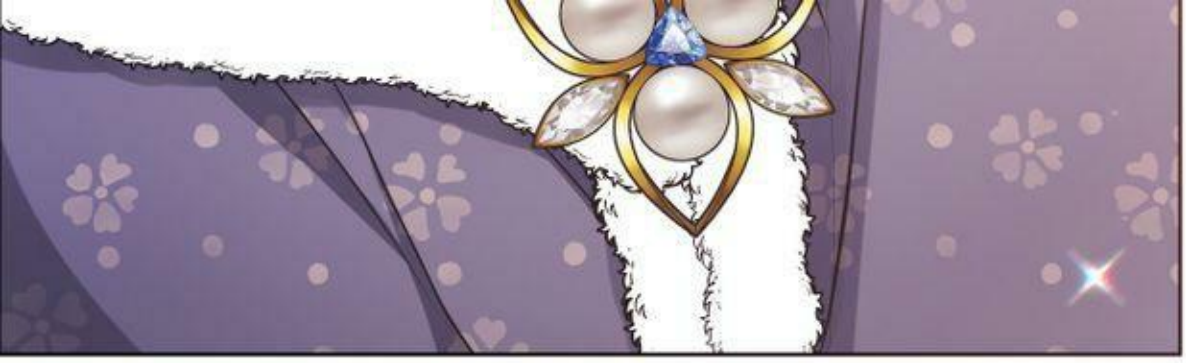
LOOOM

I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR TRAINING.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO LINGER...



I'M...


HERE TO SEE
MY HUSBAND,

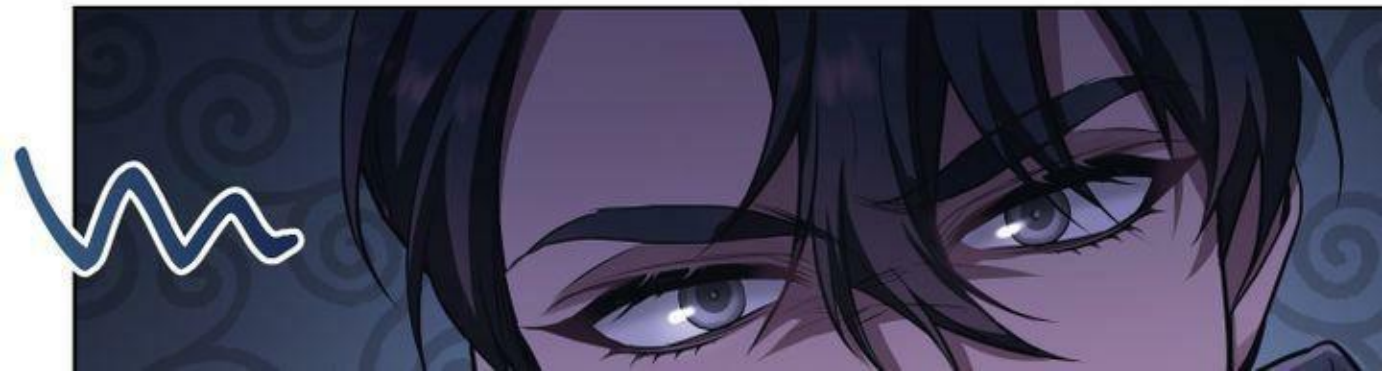


THE DUKE.

IT'S BEEN A FEW DAYS SINCE WE WED...

AND YET...
I STILL HAVEN'T
SEEN HIS FACE...

WHIP!



EYES THAT SAY, "DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS!"

AHEM,
MY LADY... I'M
SORRY, BUT...

THOSE ARE THE
DUKE'S ORDERS, SO

I WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY SINCE I'M THE ONE WHO INSISTED ON BRINGING YOU HERE, MY LADY...

NO.

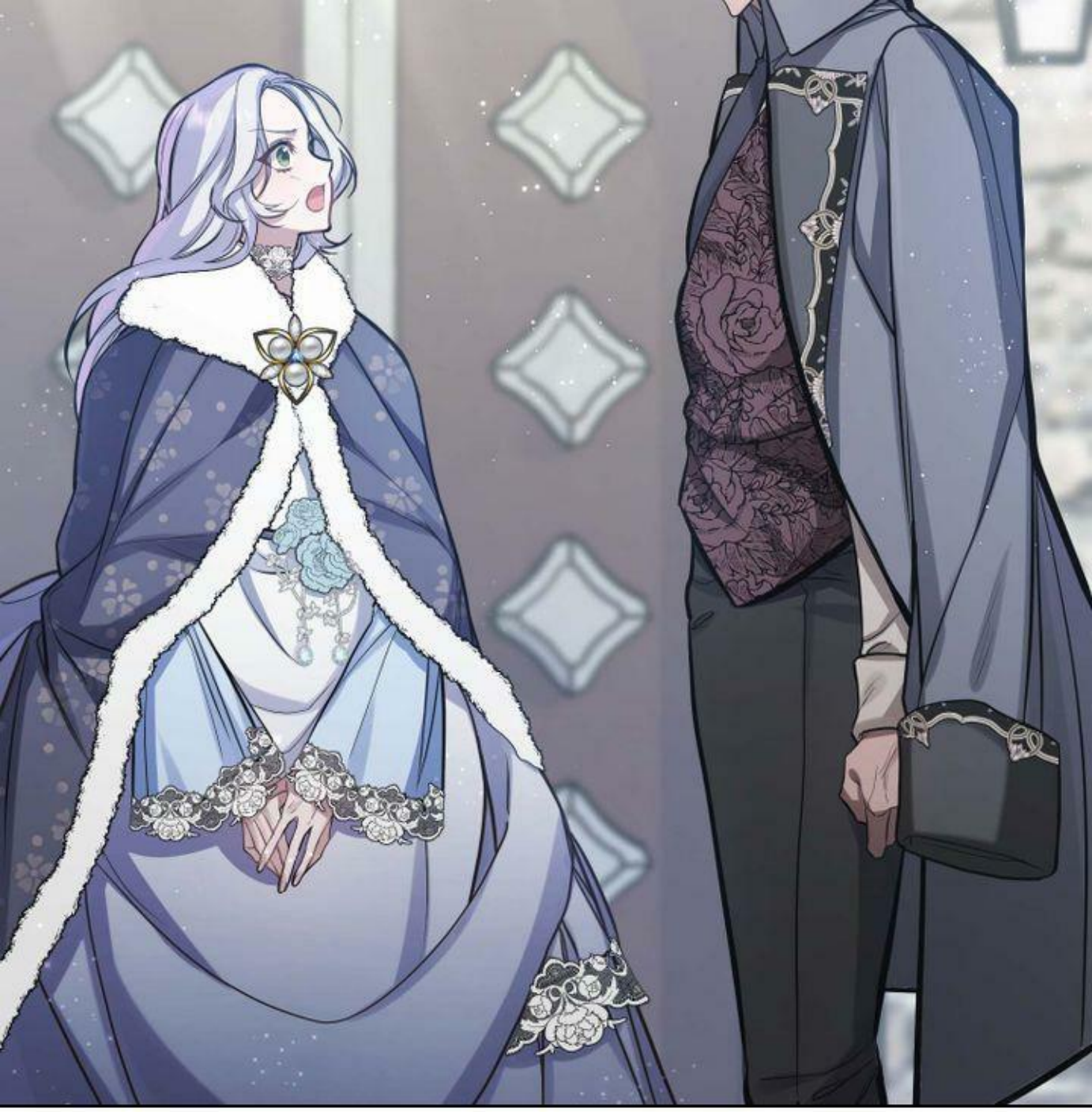
WHIP—

I, *THE DUCHESS,*
AM HERE TO SEE MY
HUSBAND.

IS THE COMMANDER REALLY GOING TO BLOCK MY REQUEST, HM?

THERE'S NOT A WOMAN IN THE WORLD WHO'D TRUST A HUSBAND WHO HIDES HIS FACE.

WOULDN'T YOU AGREE, SIR?



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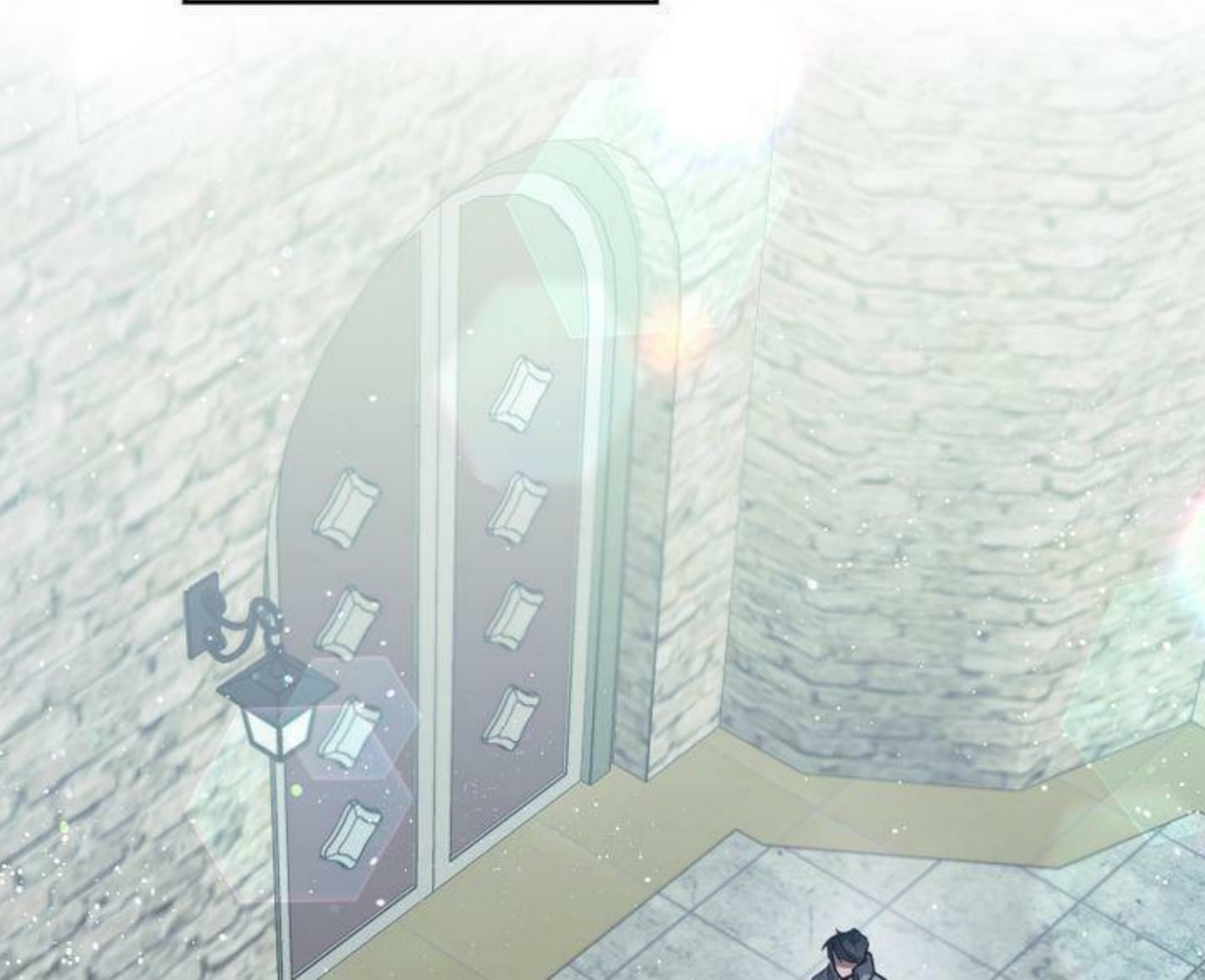
A FEW MINUTES
EARLIER



DON'T NEGLECT THOSE KNIGHTS WHO WERE INJURED IN THE LAST WAR.

TAKE CARE

OF THEM. AND
THEIR FAMILIES
TOO.

PREPARATIONS
FOR TOMORROW'S
EXPEDITION MUST PROCEED
FLAWLESSLY.

WHICH FOOL LET IVAN IN?

HE KNOWS THAT SHE WAS SICK IN BED WITH A FEVER UP UNTIL JUST YESTERDAY.

MY APOLOGIES.
HE INSISTED THAT—

FORGET IT.

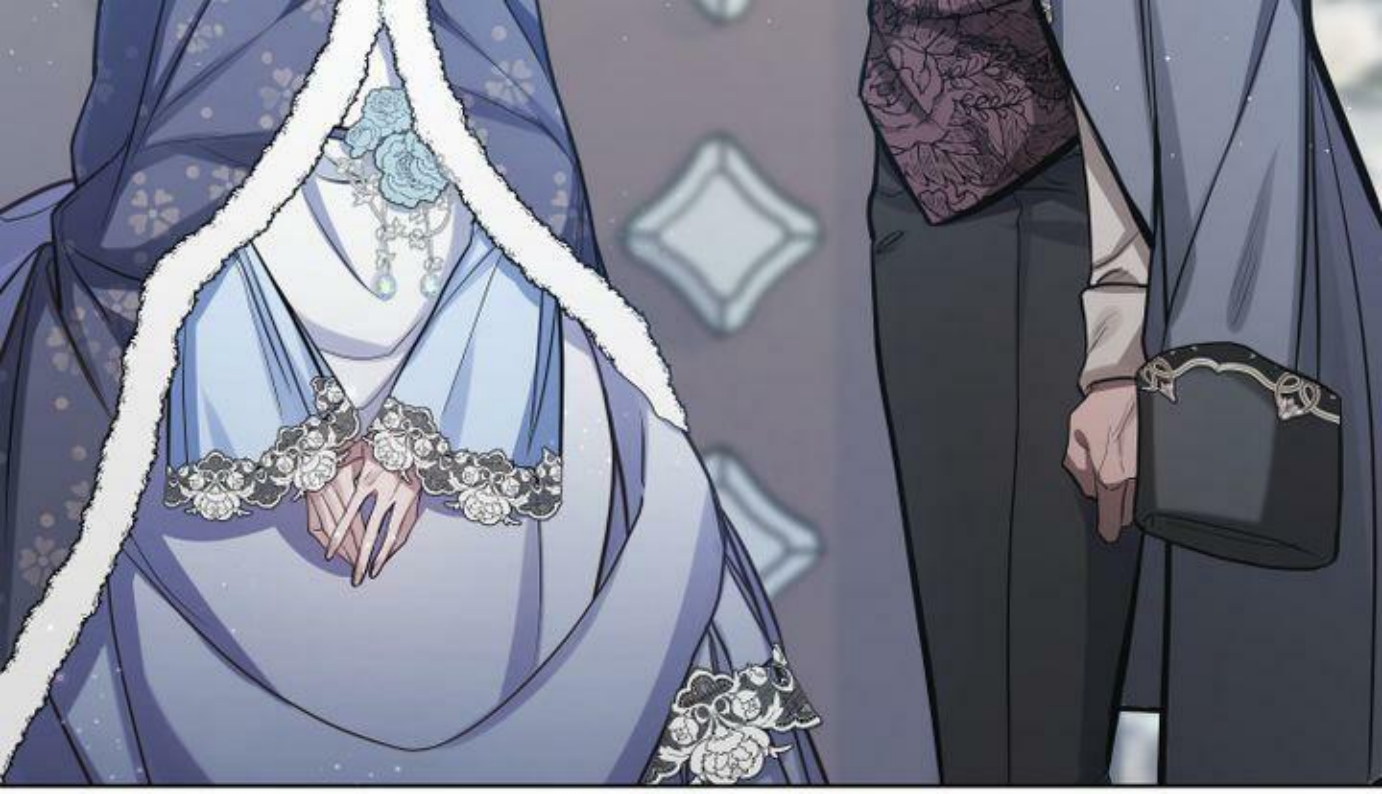
I'LL TAKE

CARE OF THIS.

Disobey the Duke if You Dare

EP 5

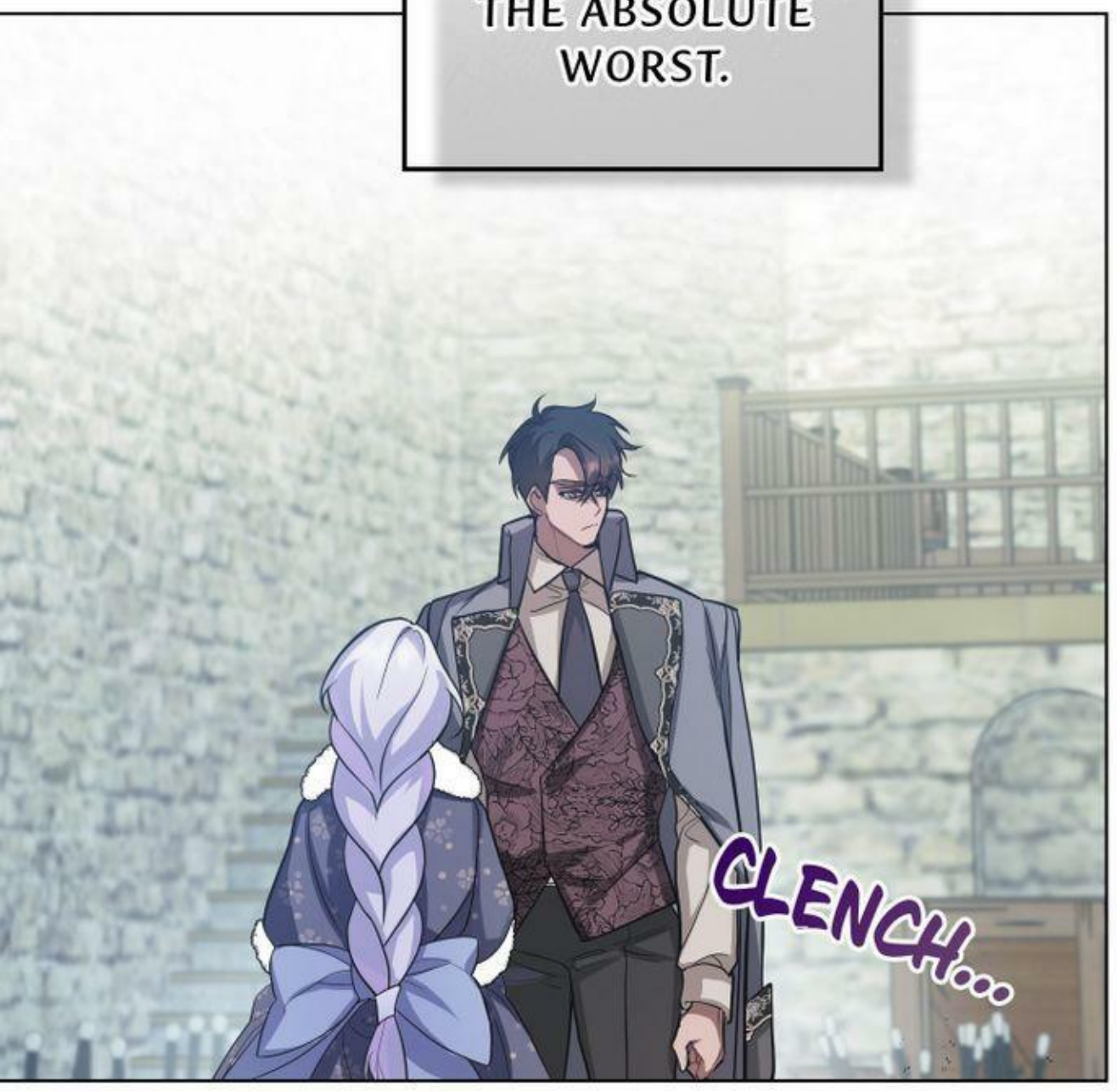
BUT WOULDN'T YOU AGREE, SIR?



THERE'S NOT A WOMAN IN THE WORLD WHO'D TRUST A HUSBAND WHO HIDES HIS FACE.

A HUSBAND WHO CAN'T BE TRUSTED...

THAT'S THE ABSOLUTE WORST.

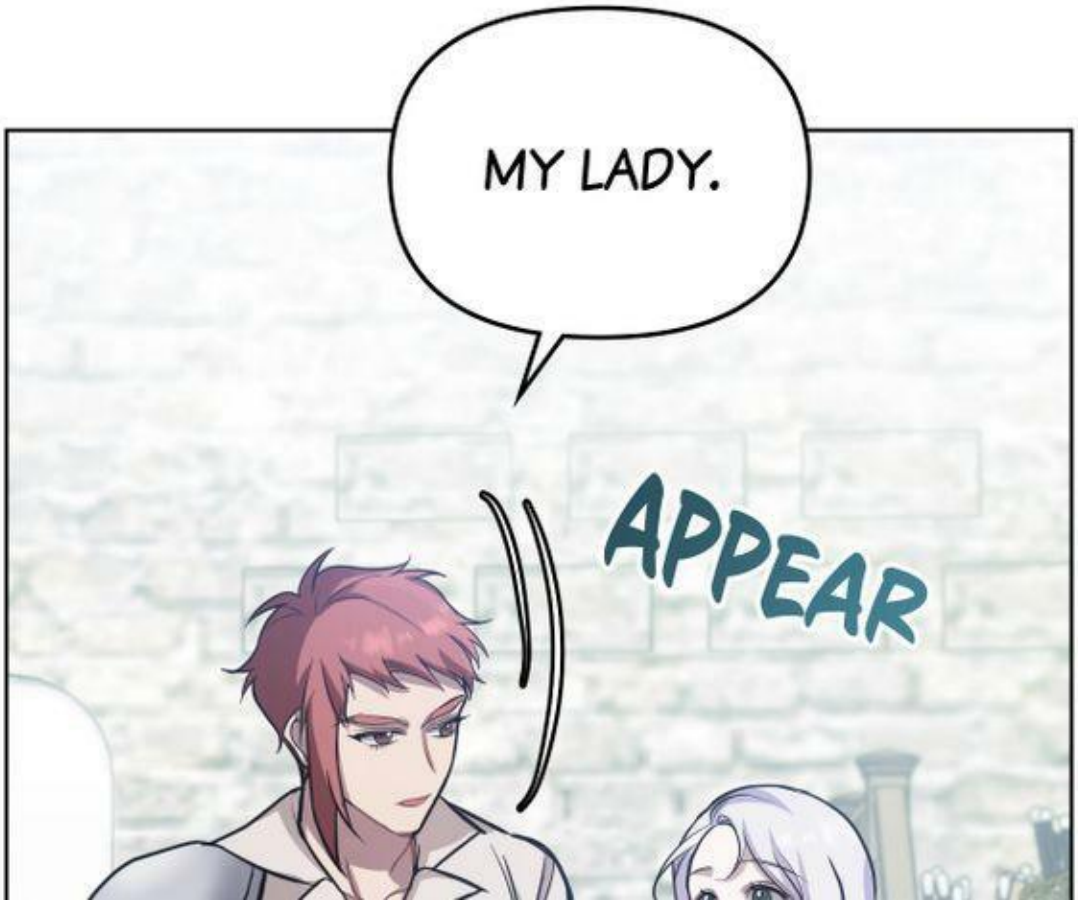


GLARE

?!
FLINCH

TELL HER IT'S THE DUKE'S ORDER.
?!
WHOOSH

THERE ARE TOO MANY EYES HERE. ONCE SHE RETURNS TO THE CASTLE, I'LL START TO MAKE MY WAY THERE AS WELL.



IF YOU COULD PLEASE RETURN TO THE CASTLE, THE DUKE WILL MEET YOU THERE SHORTLY.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, SIR TALLIN.

I DON'T THINK
I'LL GET AN ANSWER
FROM HIM ANYWAY.

PLEASE TELL THE DUKE THAT I'LL NOT SEE HIS FACE.

WHIP—

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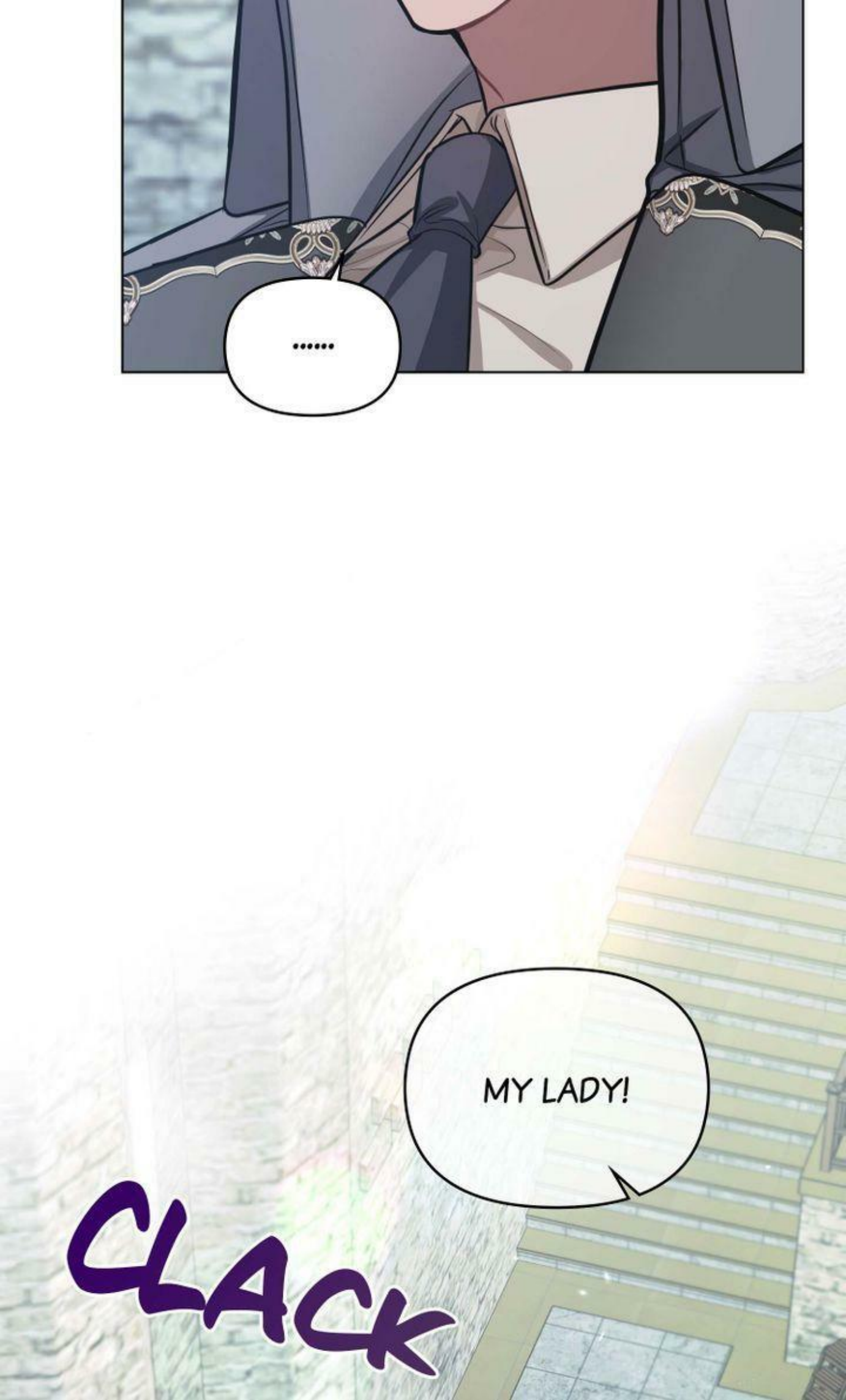

MY LADY!
CLACK

CLACK
ALLOW ME TO ESCORT YOU. IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO ALONE

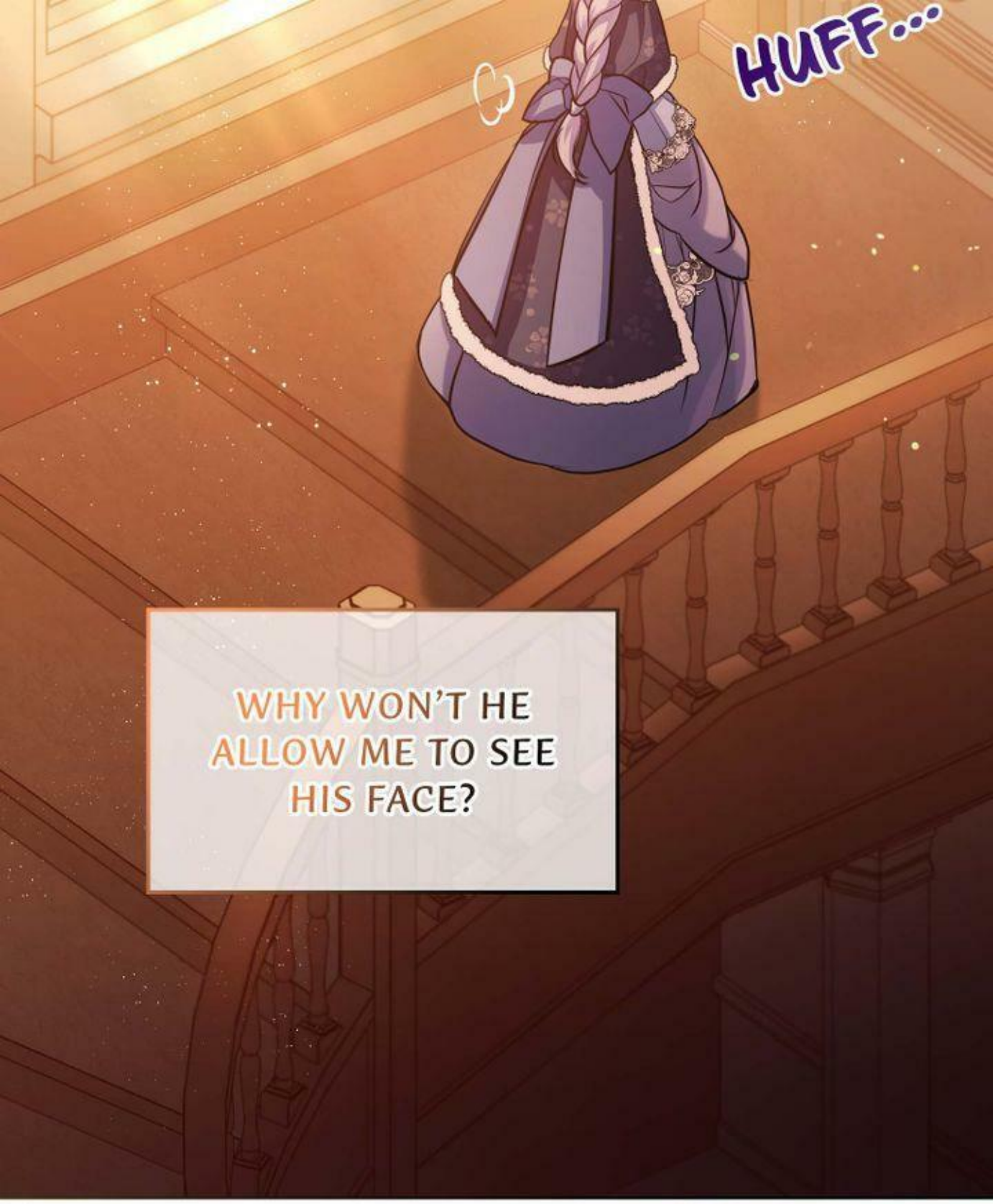
SO ALONE.

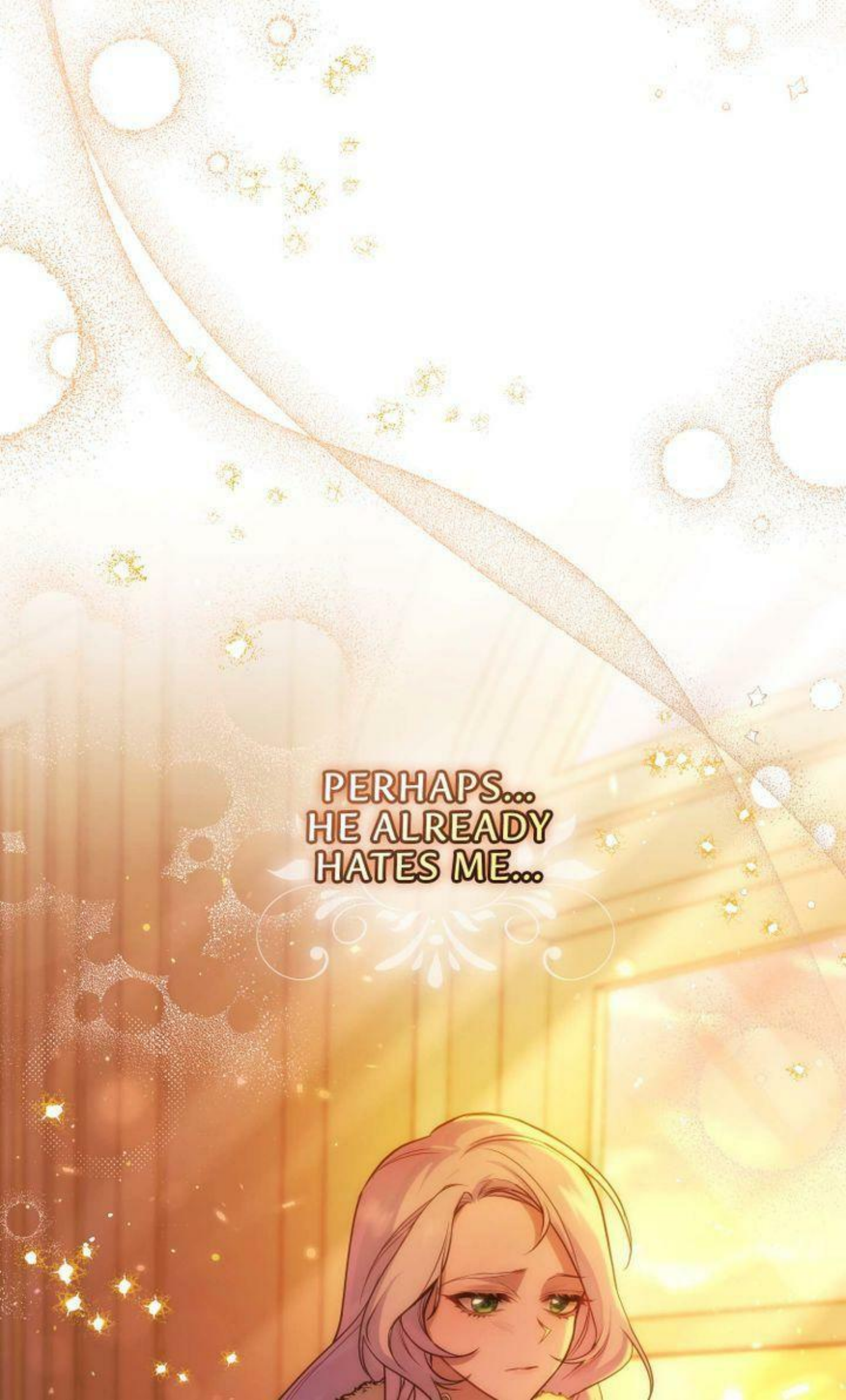
HE MUST BE MAD
THAT I'VE DEFIED

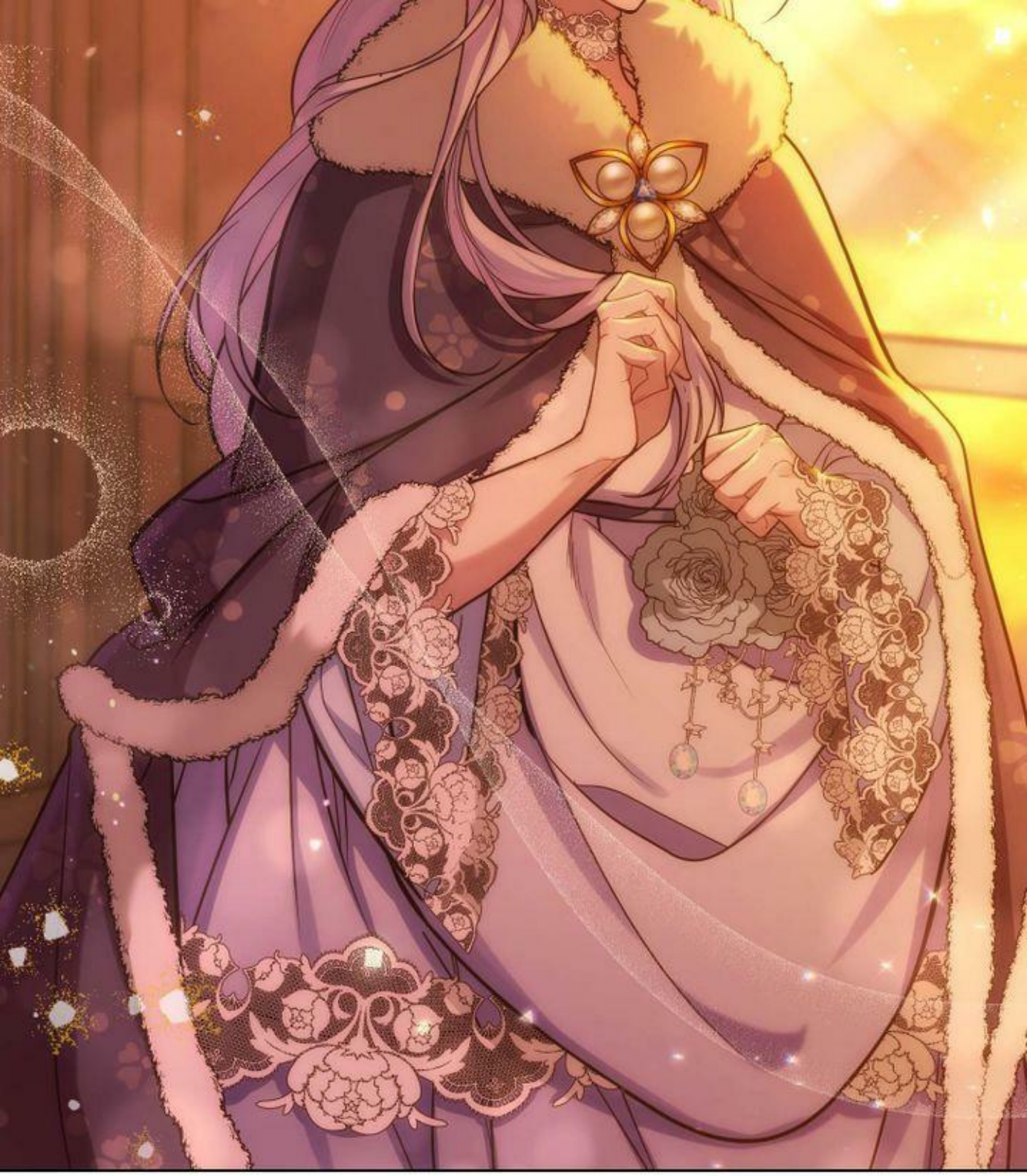
HIS ORDER.

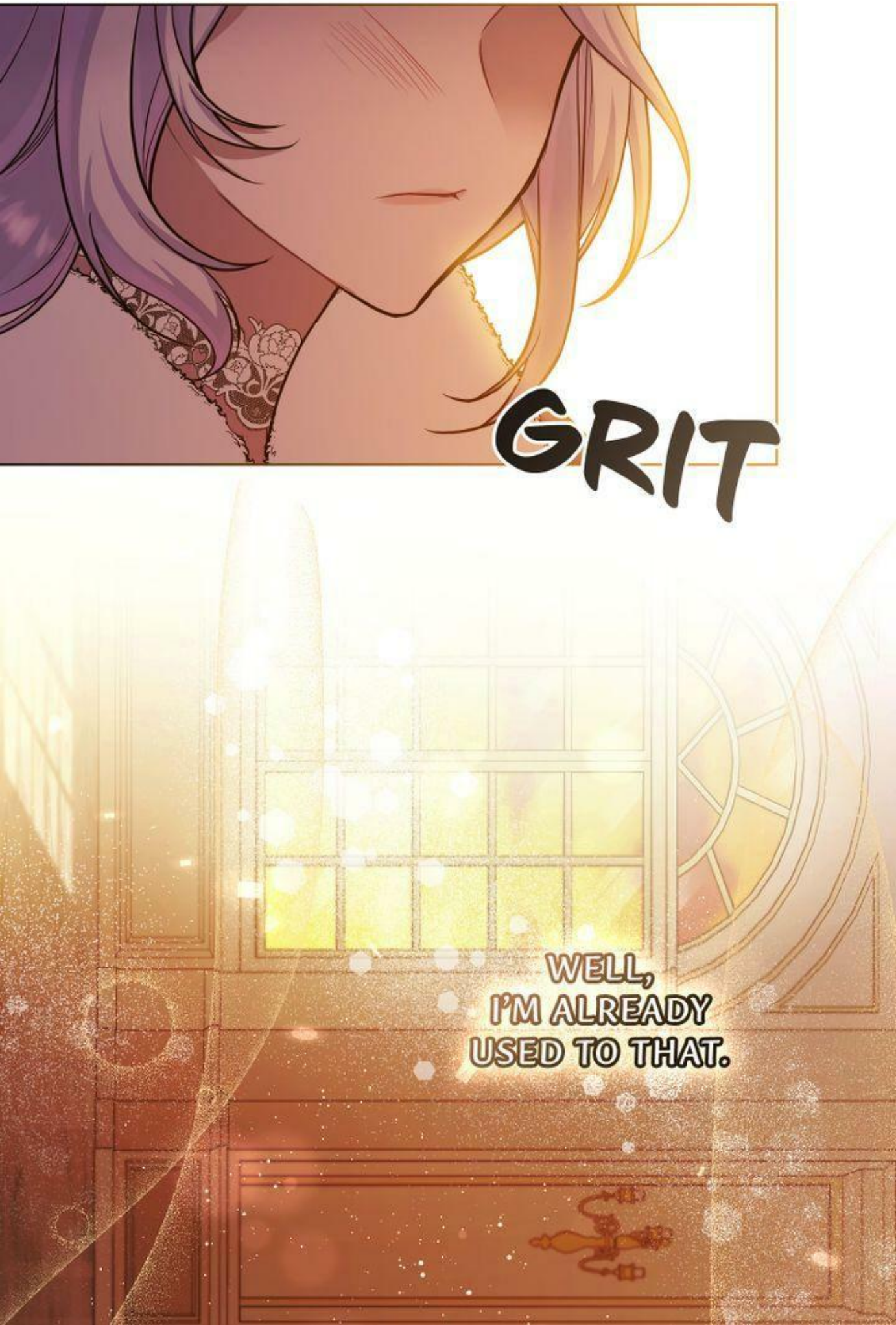
STILL...

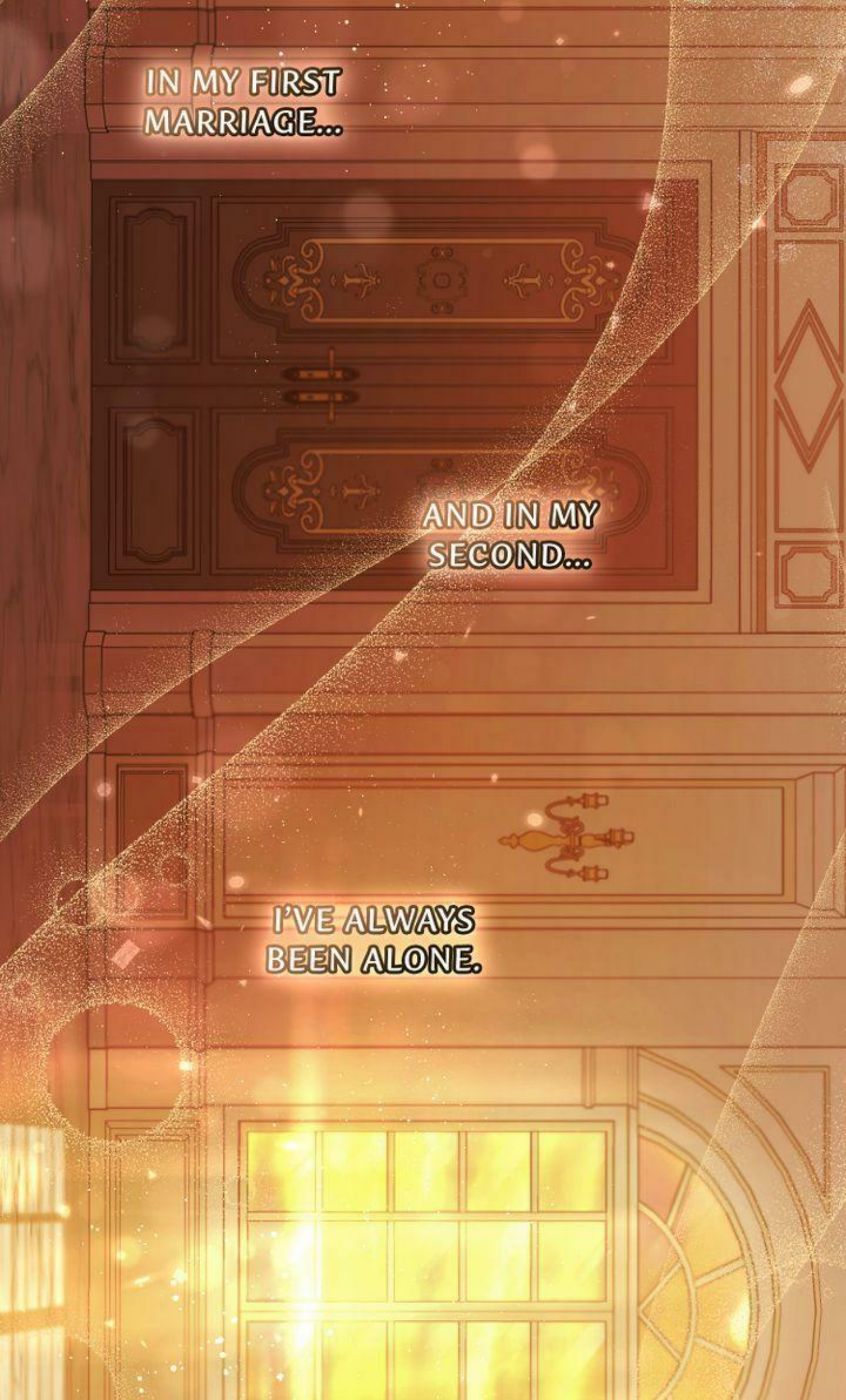
I DON'T THINK
I CAN GO ON LIKE
THIS.

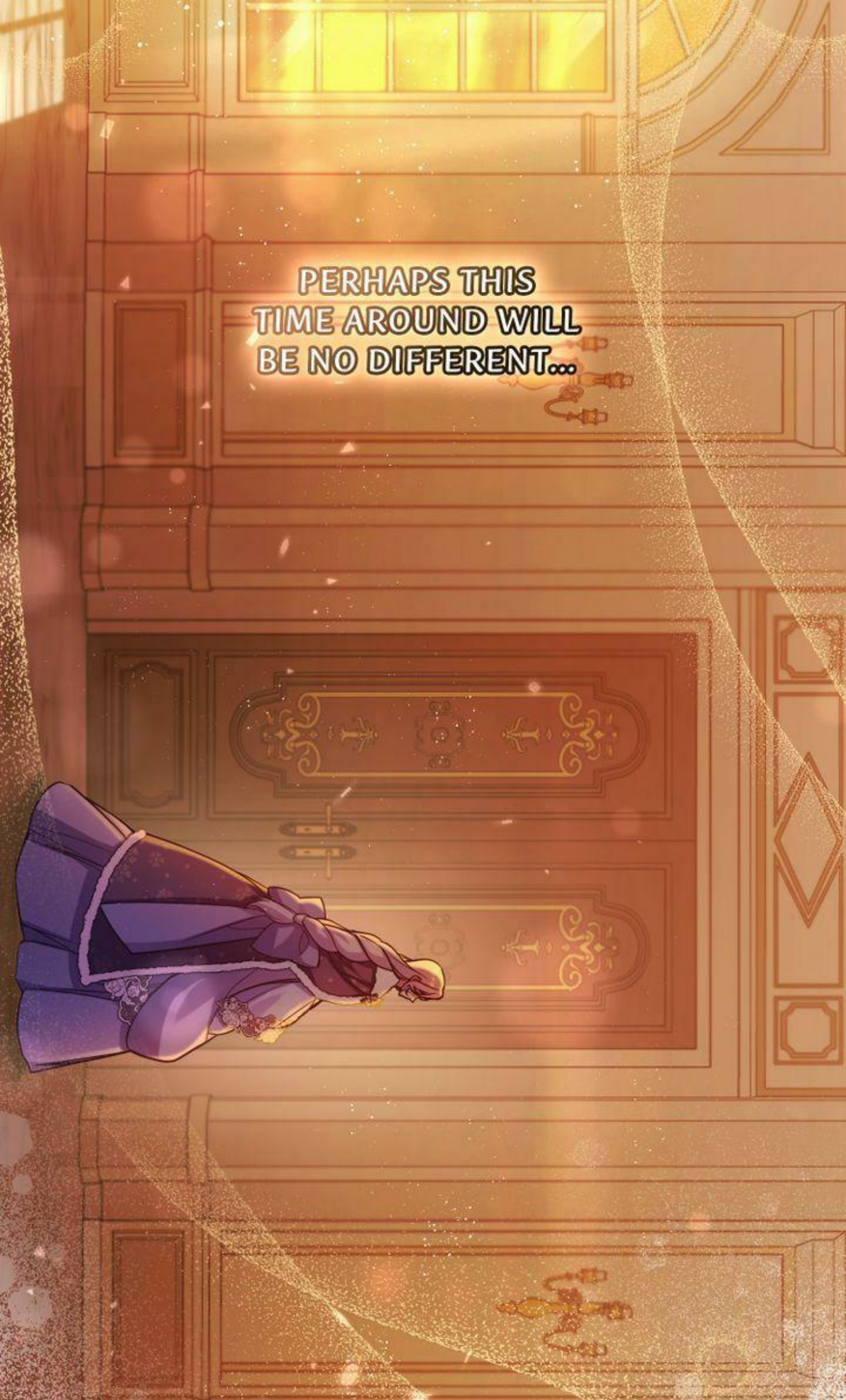

HUFF...
WHY WON'T HE ALLOW ME TO SEE HIS FACE?

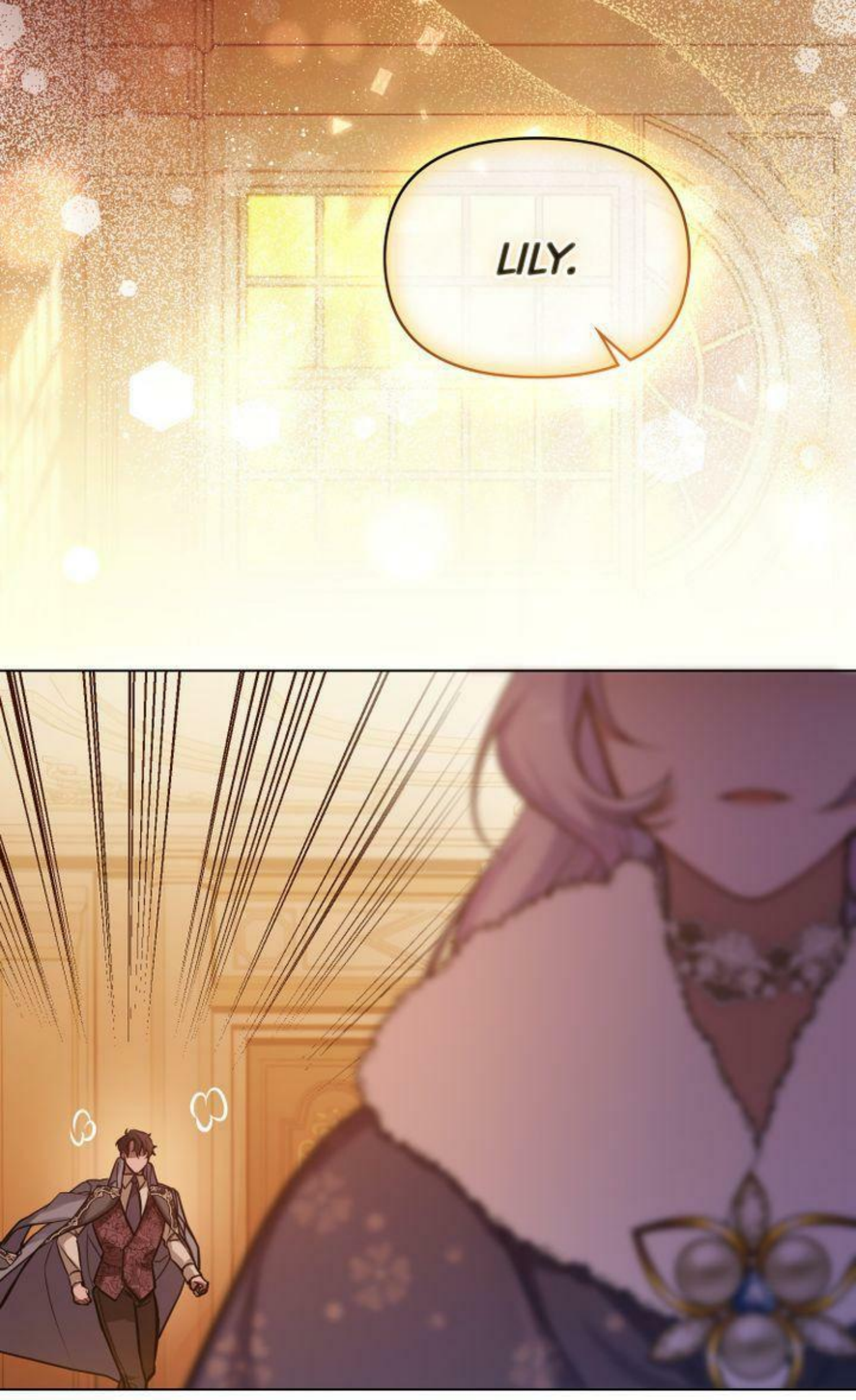

PERHAPS...
HE ALREADY
HATES ME...

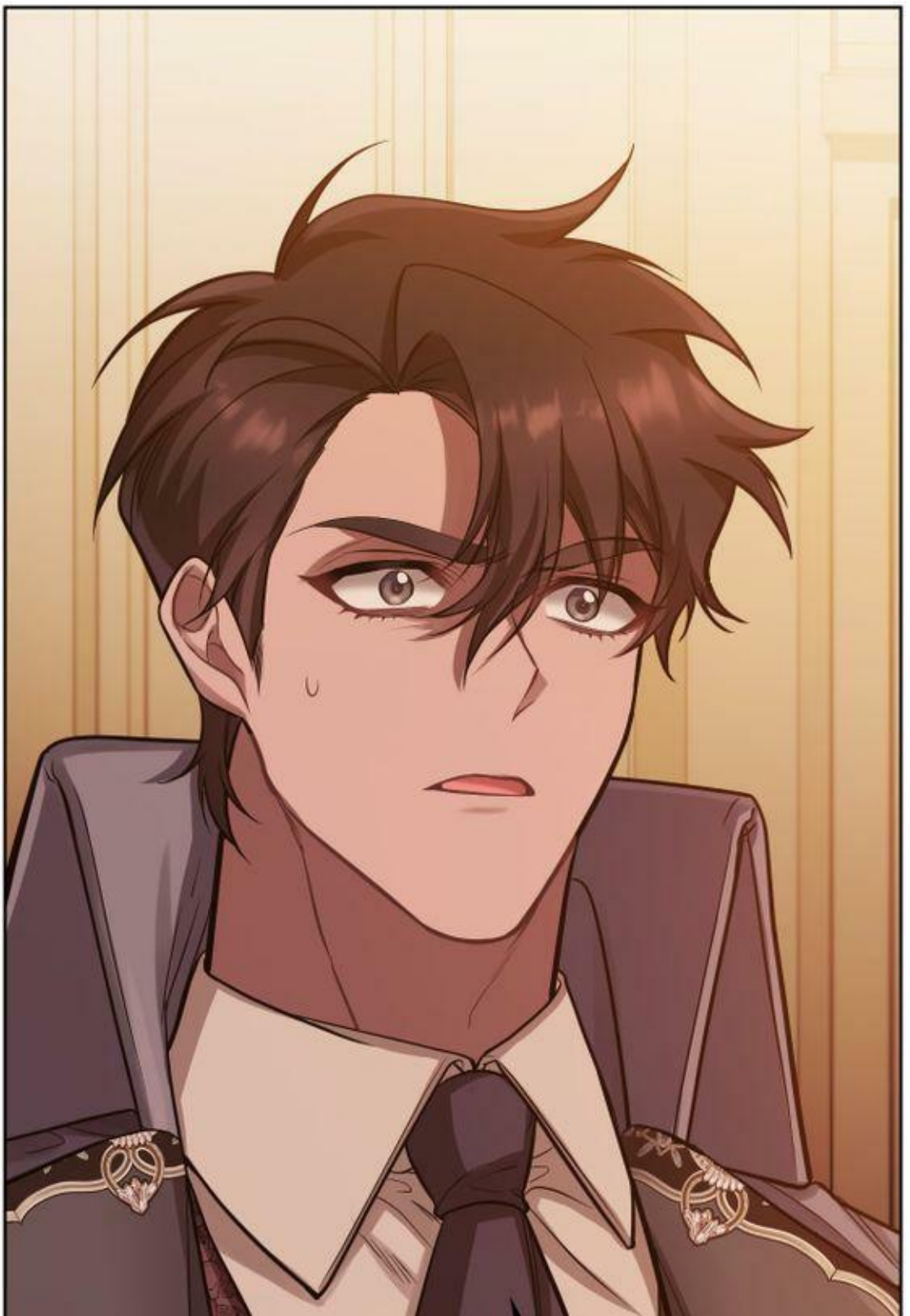



GRIT
WELL,
I'M ALREADY
USED TO THAT.


IN MY FIRST MARRIAGE...
AND IN MY SECOND...
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ALONE.


PERHAPS THIS
TIME AROUND WILL
BE NO DIFFERENT...

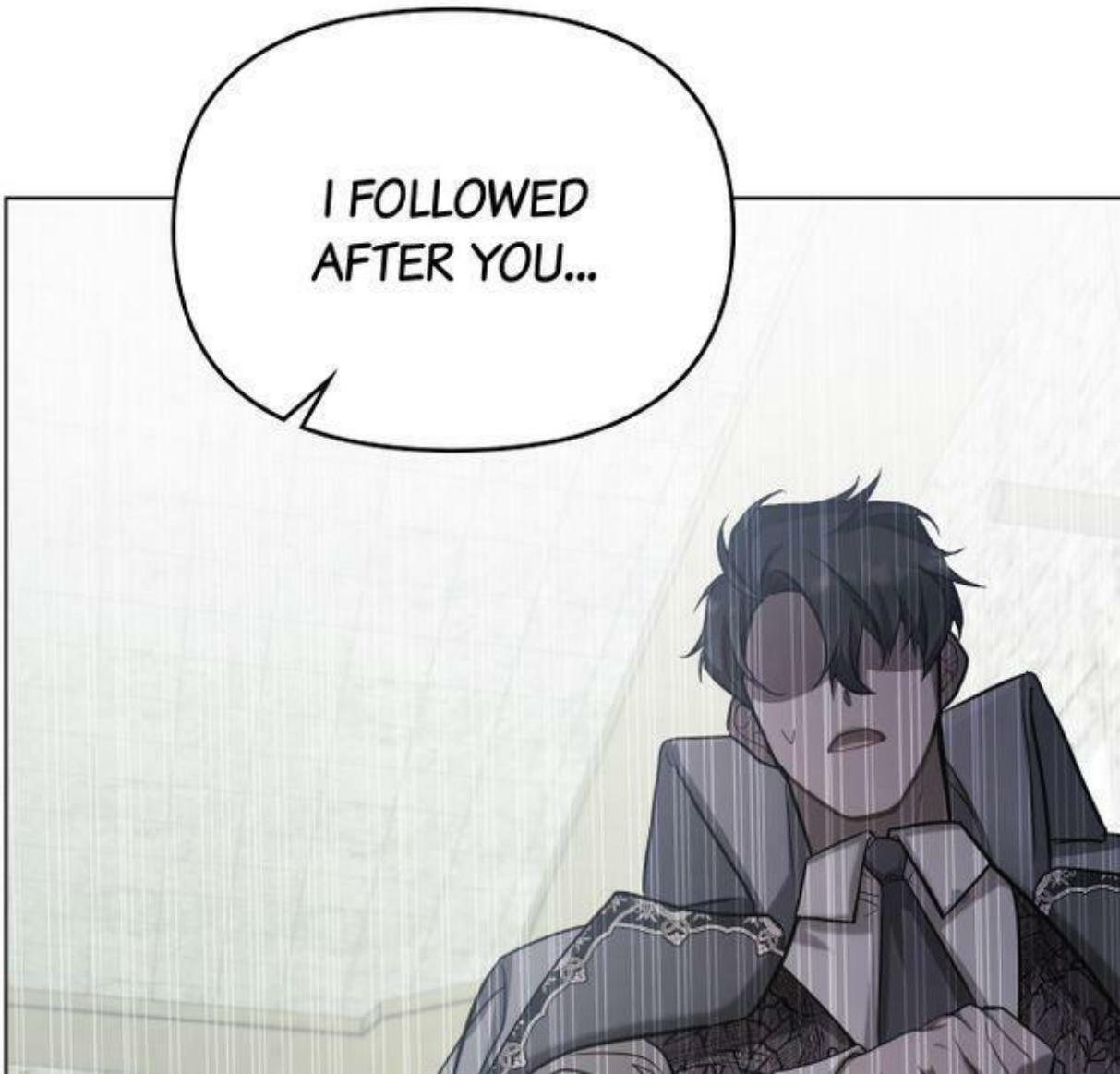

LILY.



I'M SORRY.

YOU'RE LATE.

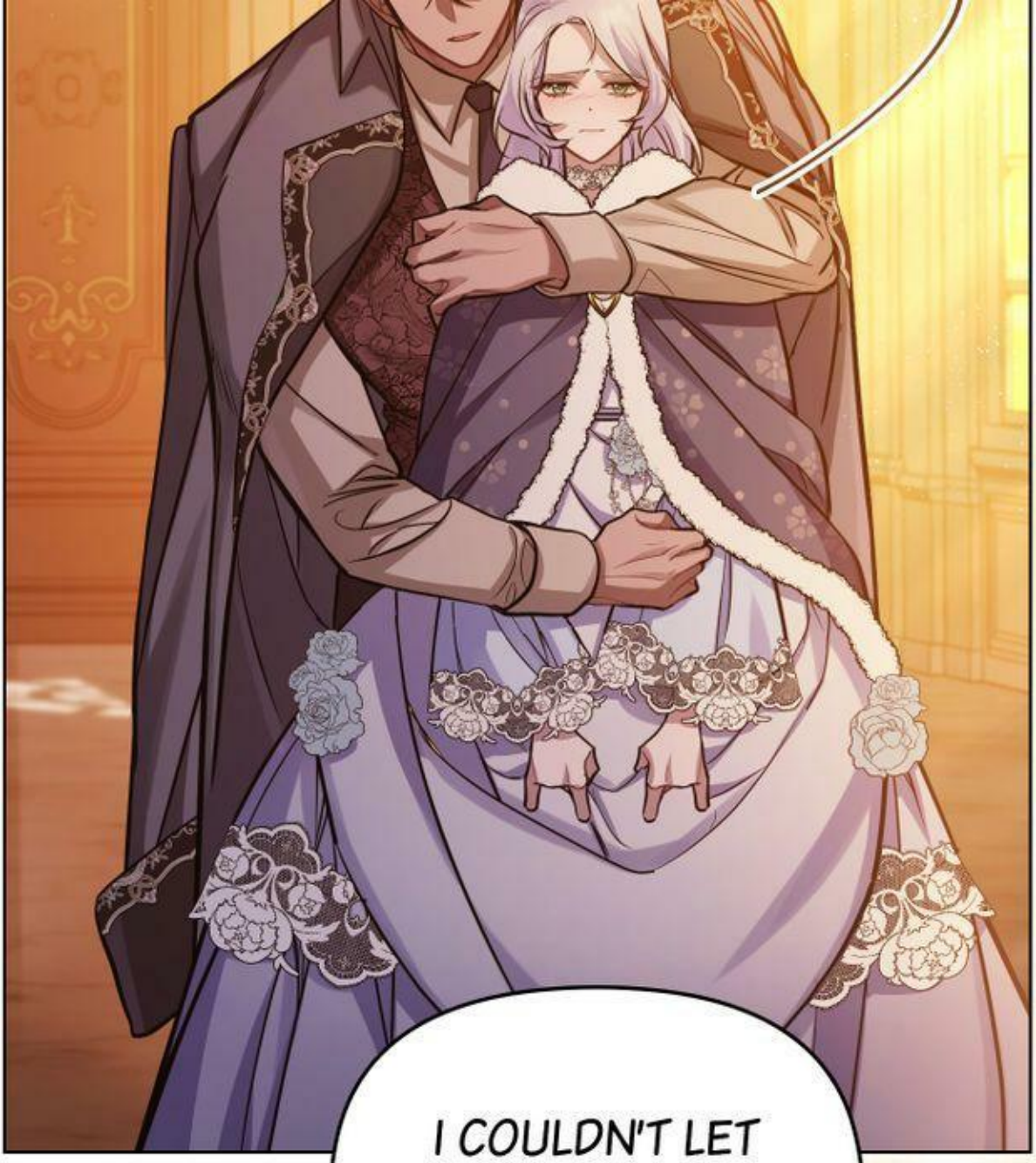
VERY LATE.

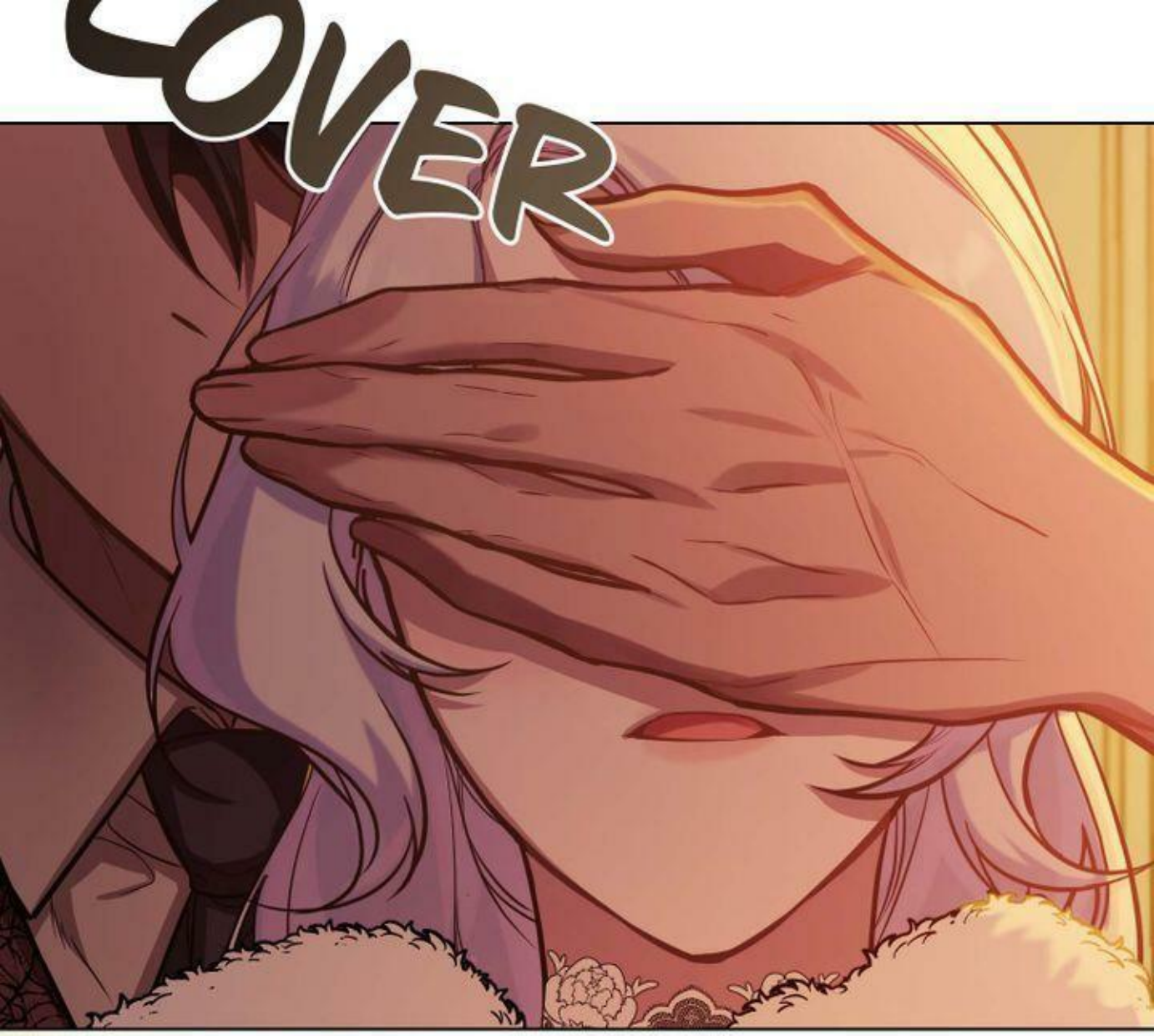

I FOLLOWED
AFTER YOU...

AS FAST
AS I COULD...

BUT I STAYED
AT A DISTANCE...
SO AS NOT TO
SCARE YOU.

I...
HUG


I COULDN'T LET YOU JUST LEAVE LIKE THAT.


COVER

WILL YOU HIDE YOUR FACE FROM ME AGAIN?

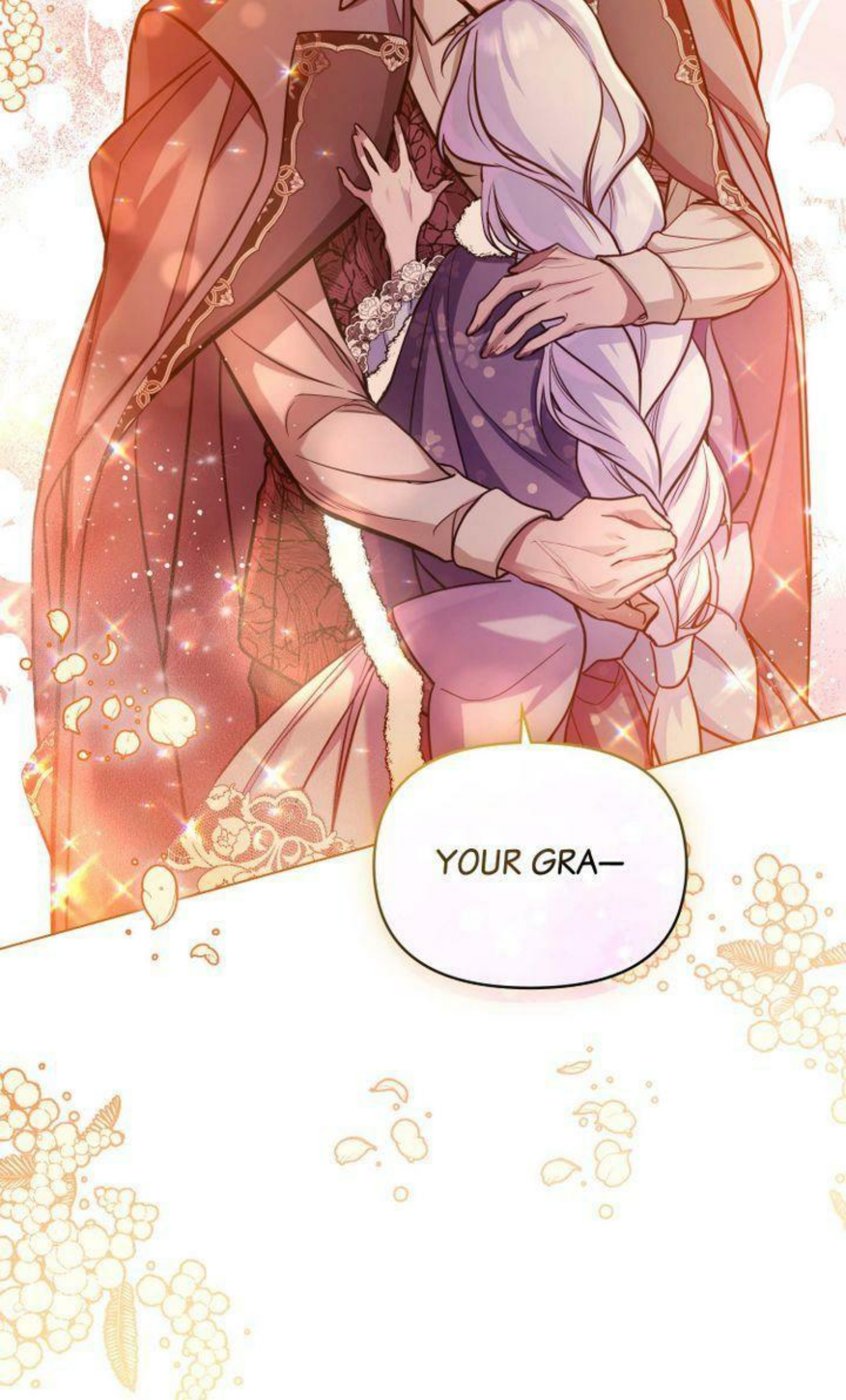
ONCE
I'VE EARNED
YOUR TRUST...
ONLY THEN
WILL I SHOW YOU
MY FACE.

SO YOU'RE SAYING IT'S NOT YET TIME, CORRECT?
LILY... I'LL STAY WITH YOU
ALL NIGHT LONG.

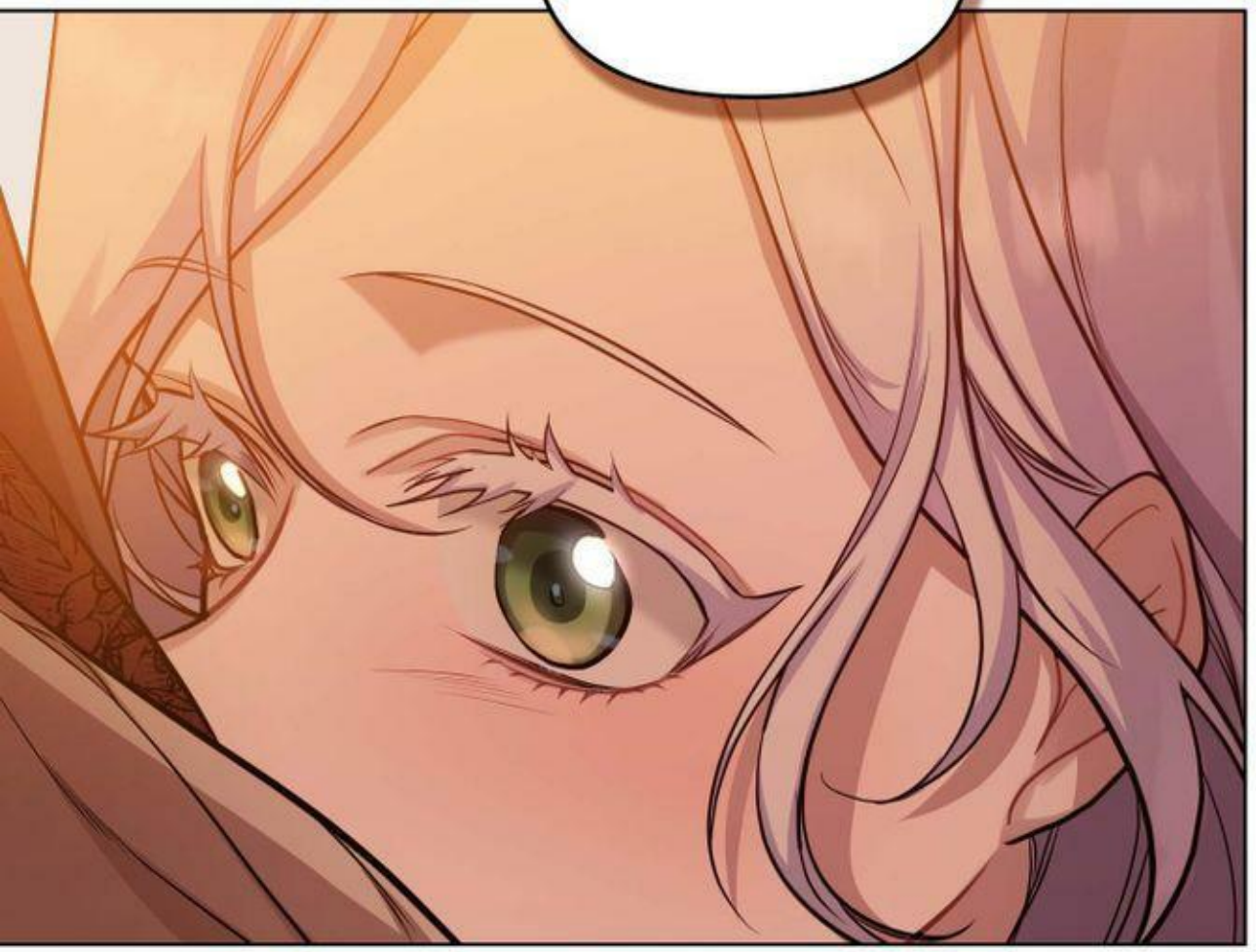
IF YOU
SO WISH.

WHOOSH

YOU'RE
QUITE A MYSTERY,
AREN'T YOU...


YOUR GRA—

VLAD.



CALL ME
VLAD.

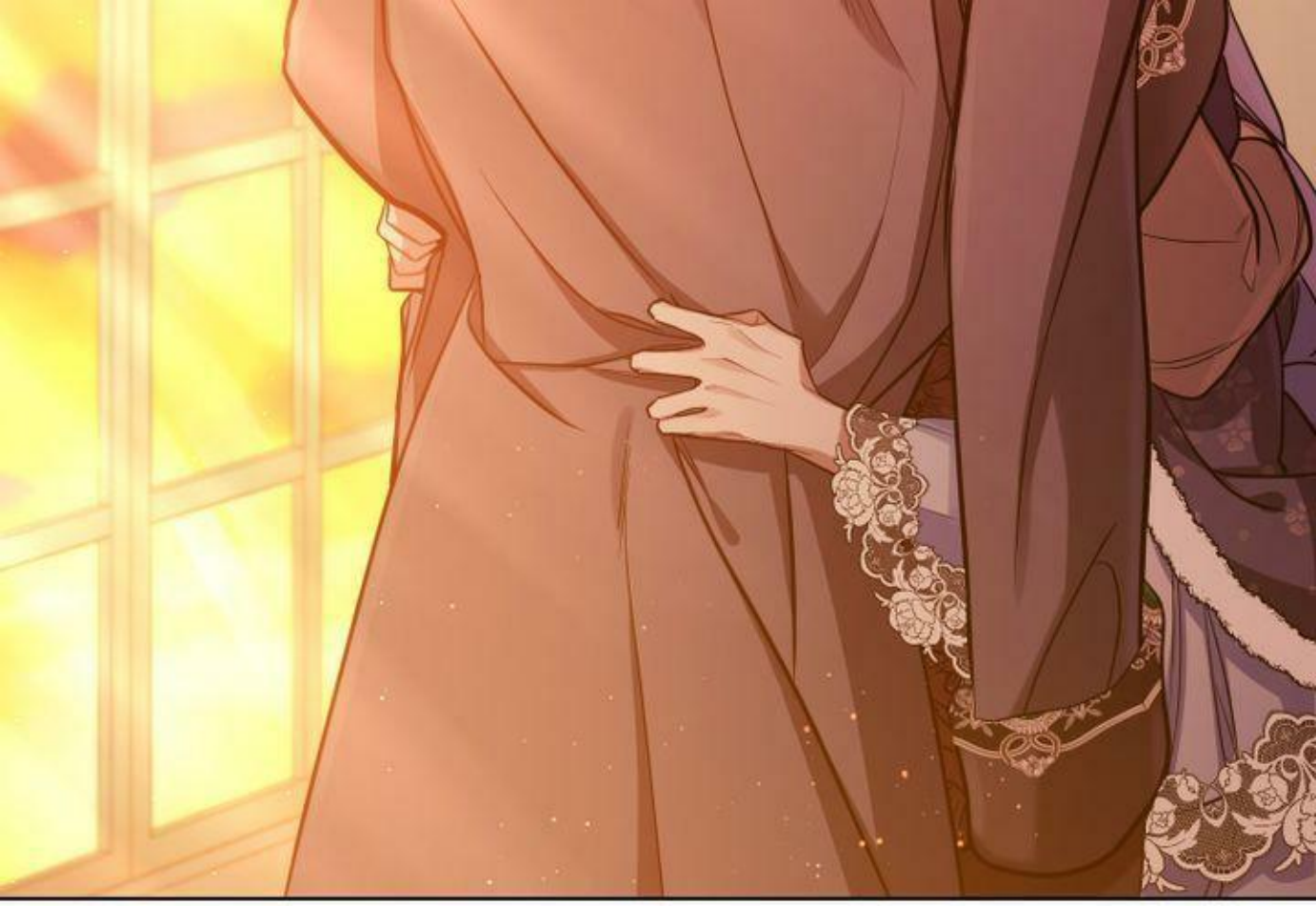
LET'S FORGET ABOUT OUR TITLES.

AFTER ALL,

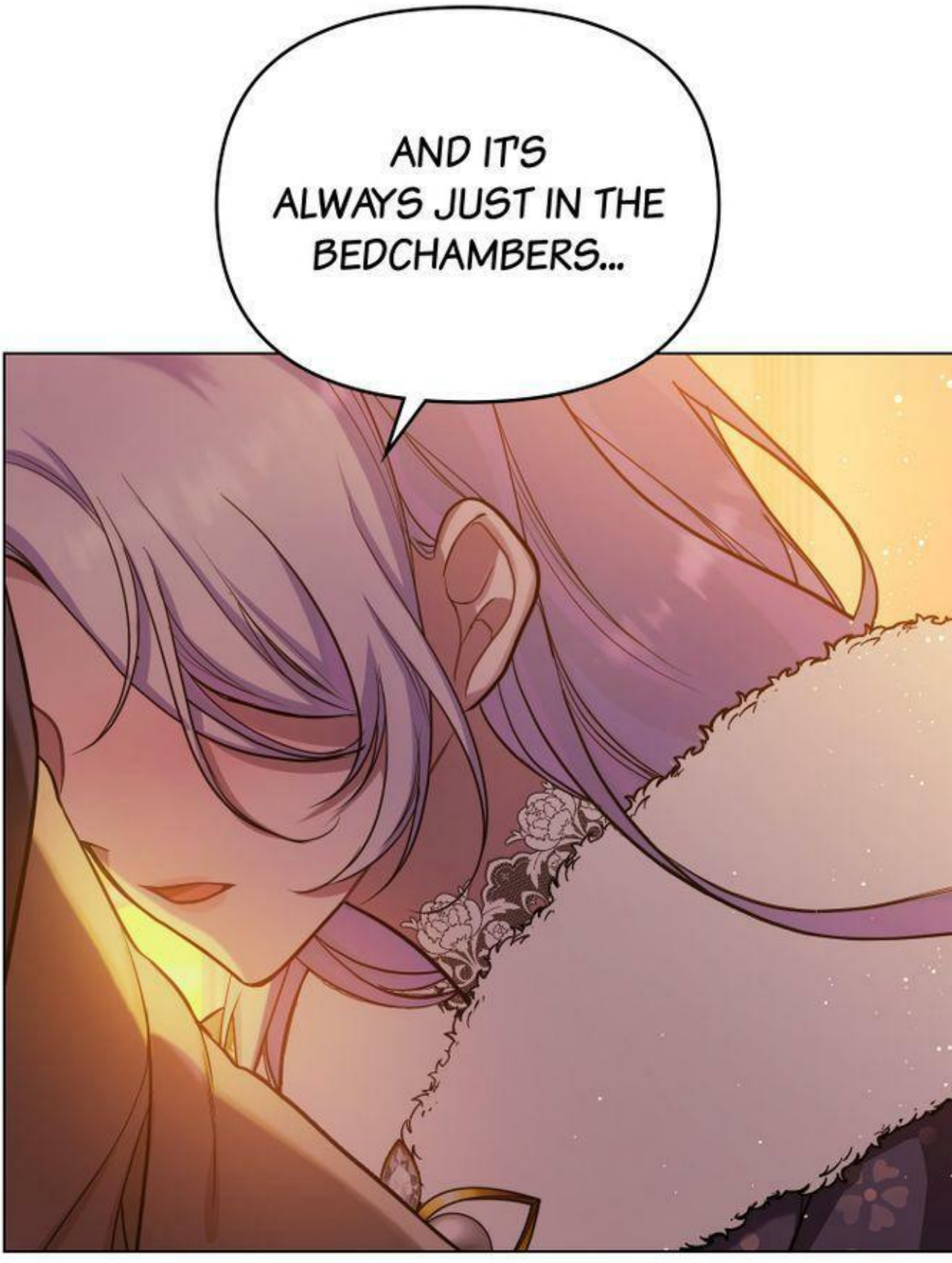
YOU CALLED TALLIN BY HIS NAME.

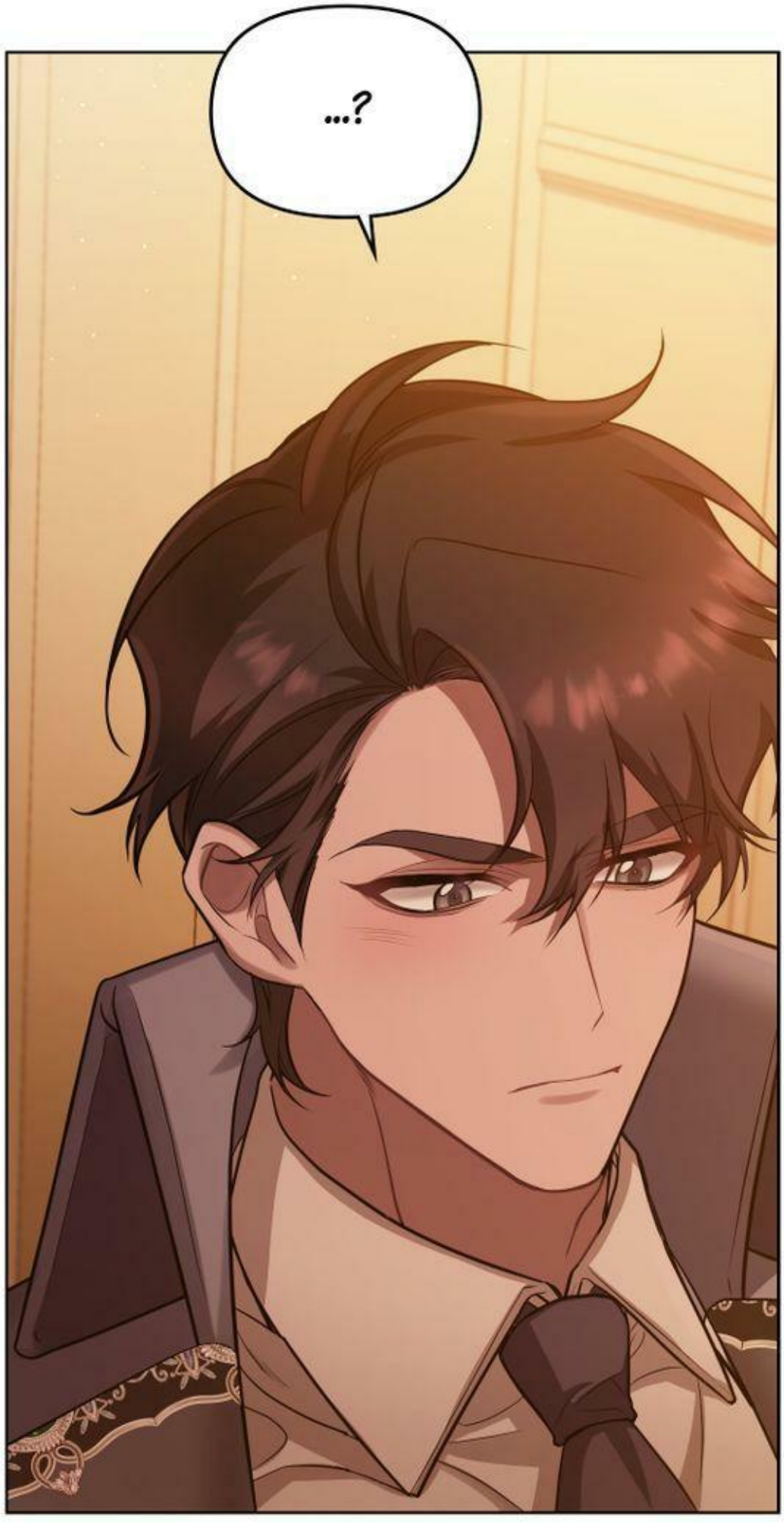
VLAD...

HOW I ADDRESS OTHERS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU NEED TO CONCERN YOURSELF WITH.



BESIDES,
I ONLY GET TO
SEE YOU AT
NIGHT...

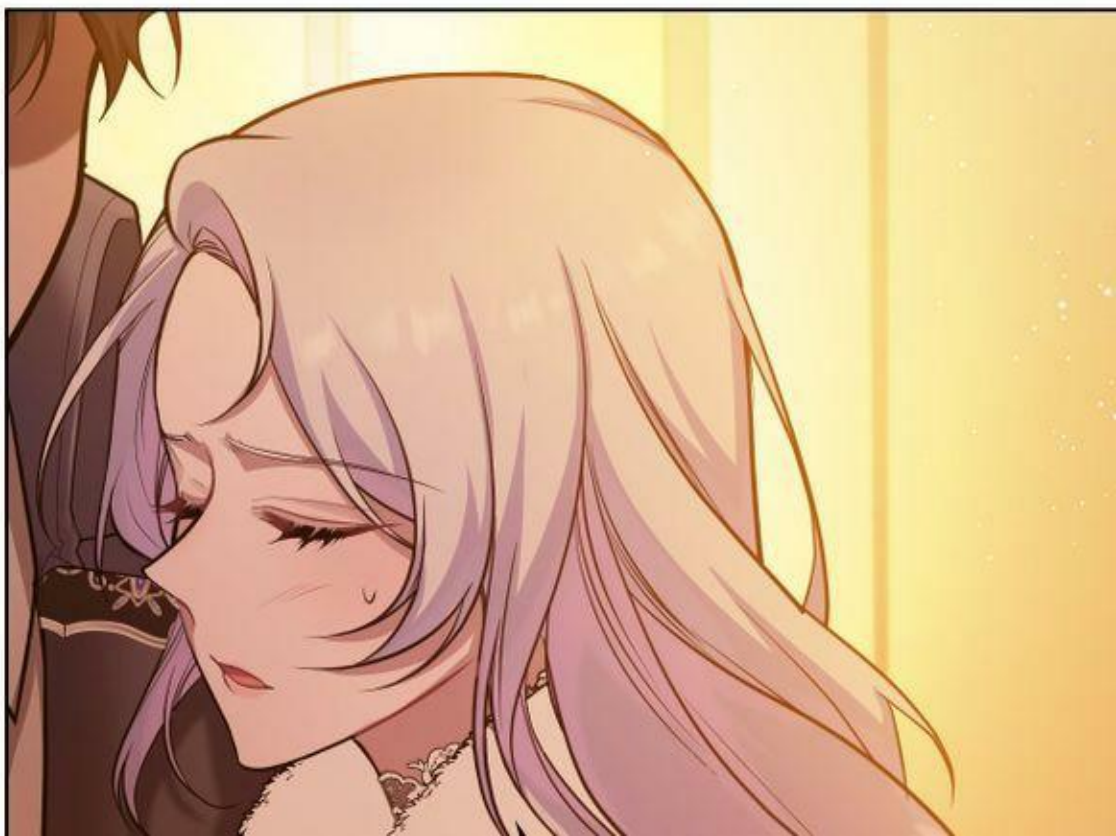

AND IT'S
ALWAYS JUST IN THE
BEDCHAMBERS...



LIFT
CLOSE YOUR

EYES, LILY.

I'LL SHOW YOU MORE... RIGHT NOW.



THAT'S NOT WHAT I... NEVER MIND...

CHUCKLE

YOU'RE AS LIGHT AS A BALL OF COTTON, HAHA.

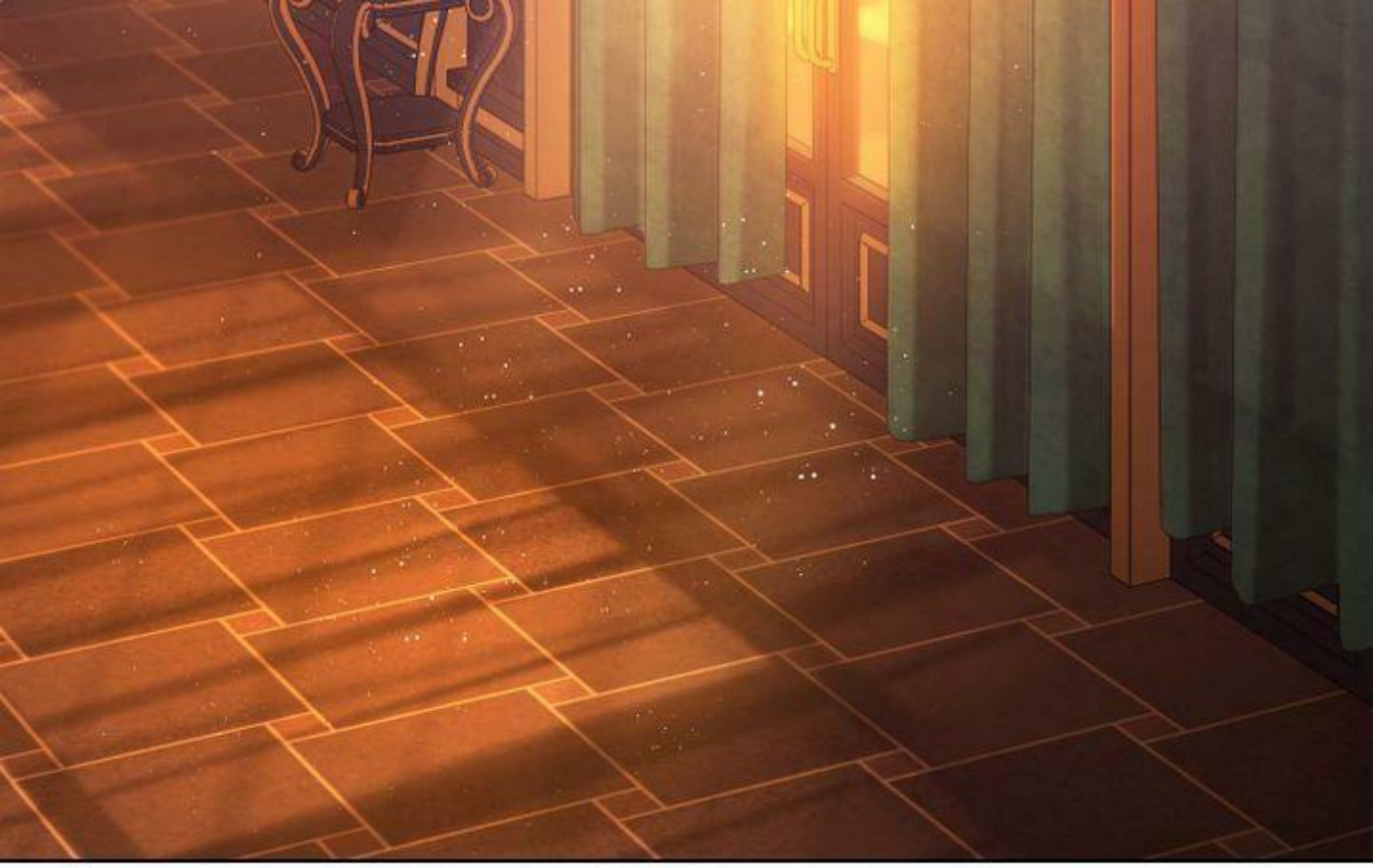
CREAK

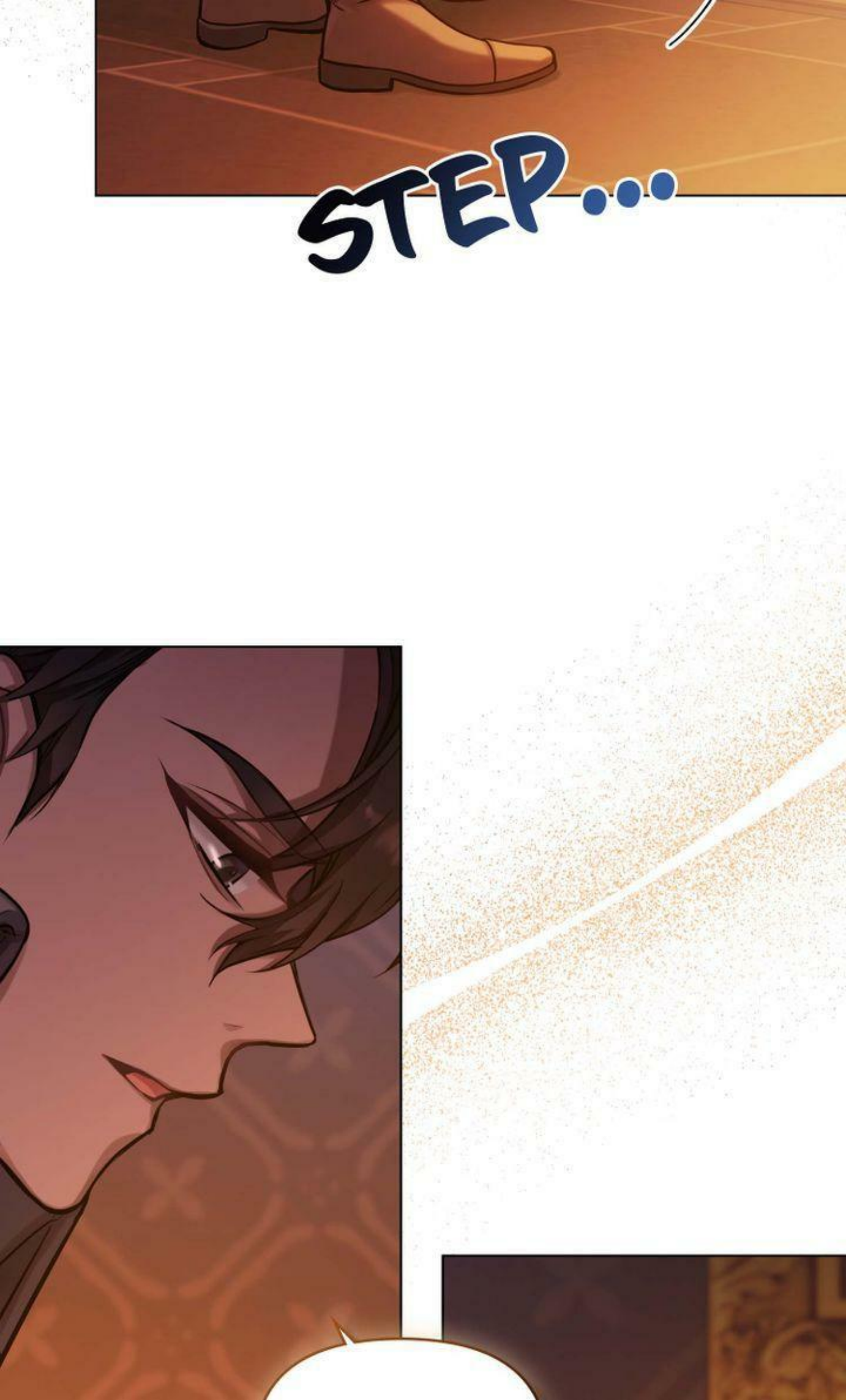
THIS ISN'T NEARLY AS LUXURIOUS AS YOUR CHAMBERS, LILY.

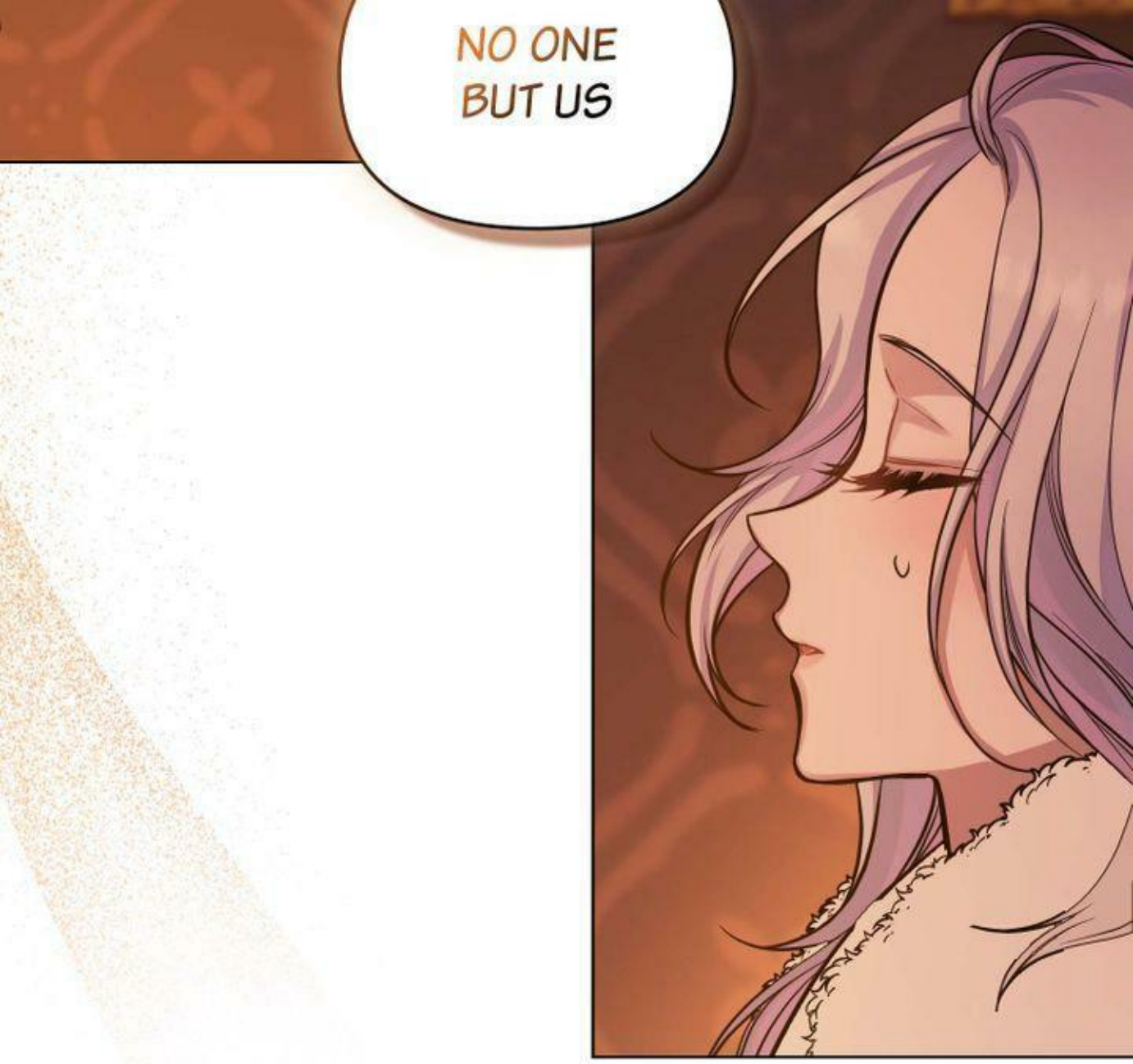
THUD

BUT THIS HERE IS MY STUDY.

AND THAT MEANS...




STEP...


NO ONE
BUT US

CAN ENTER
THIS SPACE.

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WHY DID YOU DEFEND IVAN?

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I WASN'T TRYING TO DEFEND HIM. ALL I MEANT TO DO WAS LOOK FOR YOU.

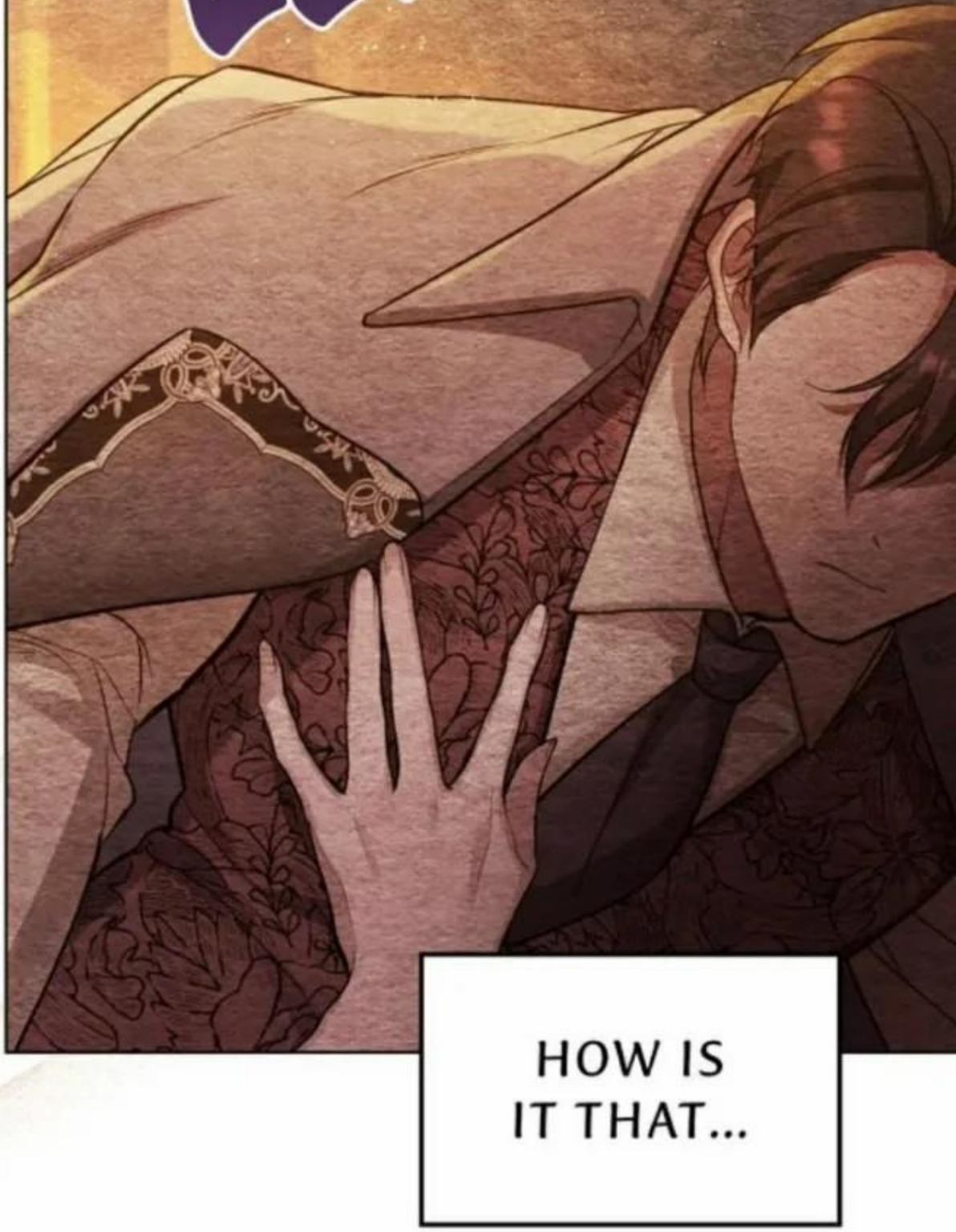
LILY,
DO YOU THINK
I'M OBLIVIOUS TO
WHAT'S GOING
ON...?

I KNOW
HE'S THE ONE
WHO SUGGESTED YOU
GO OUT AND TRY
TO FIND ME... TRY
TO SEE ME.

H-HOW
DID YOU...

WELL, YOU HEARD THE WAY HE SPOKE BACK THERE...
AT THE TRAINING GROUNDS.

LEAN...



HOW IS
IT THAT...

I CAN'T SEE HIM, BUT...

HE SEEMS SO FAMILIAR...?

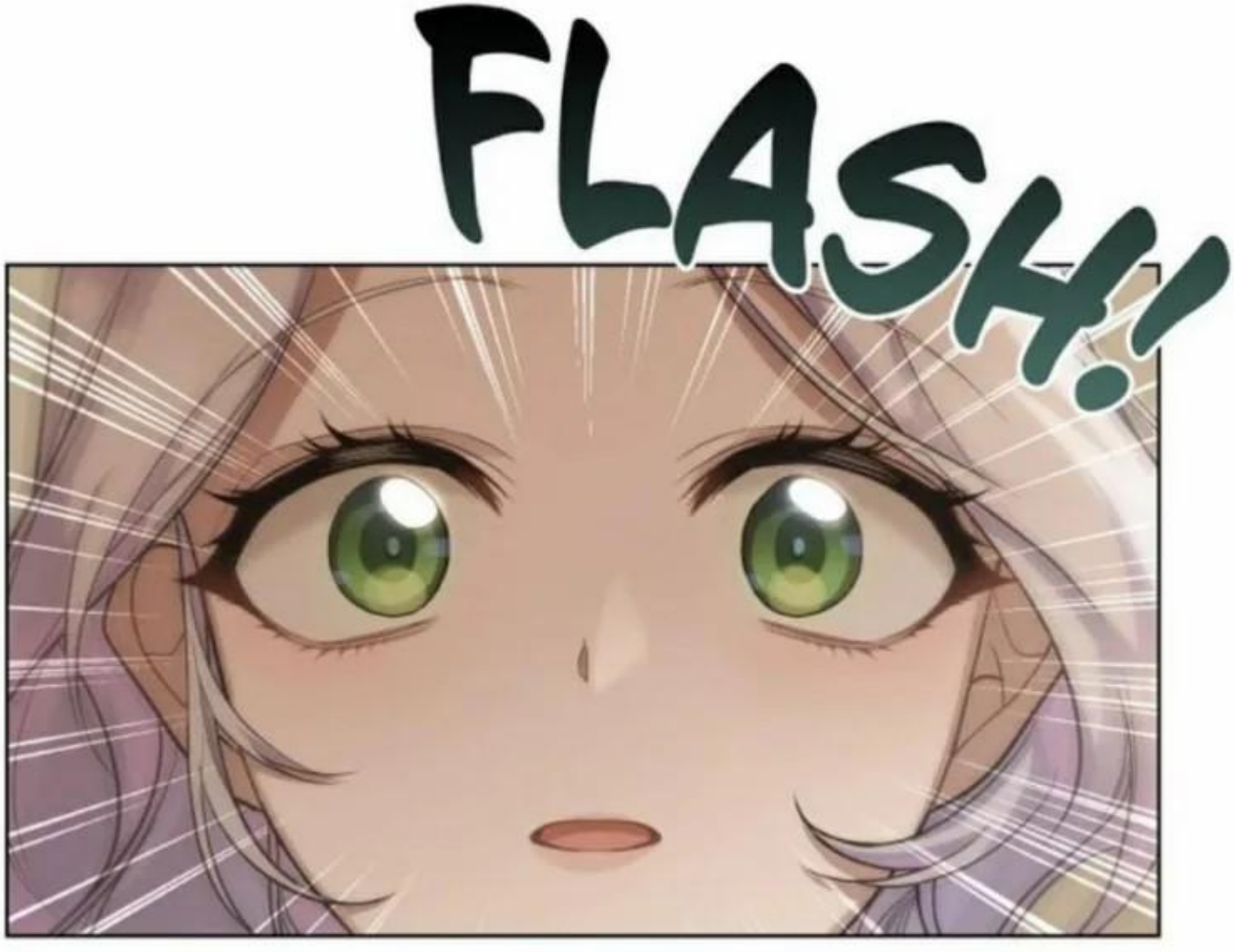
...!!!

OPEN!

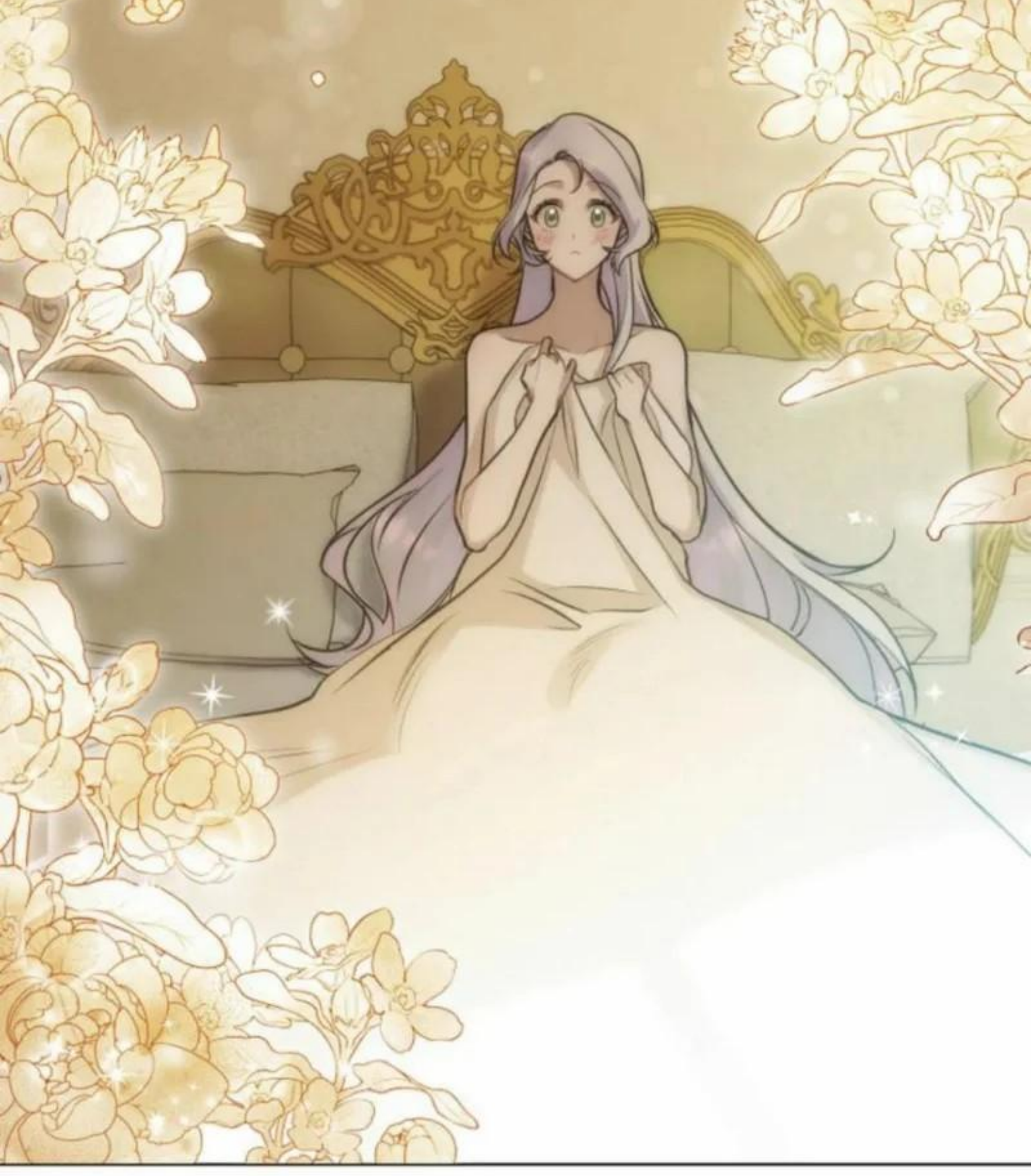
COMMANDER?!
WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR, LILY?

I'M RIGHT HERE IN FRONT OF YOU.

MY DEAR WIFE...
CAN'T YOU SEE ME
WITH YOUR OWN
TWO EYES?


FLASH!!

A DREAM...?



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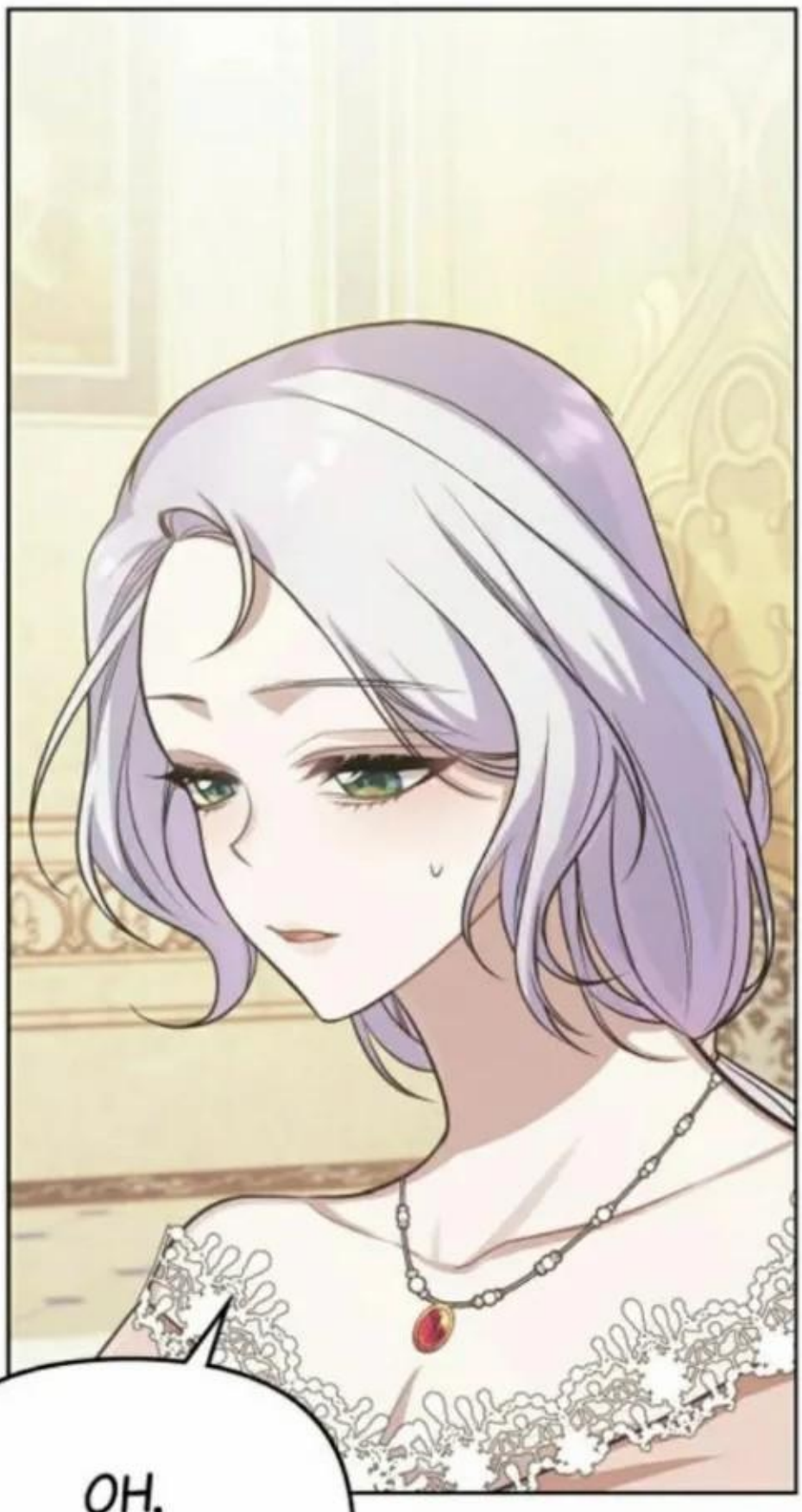
EP 6

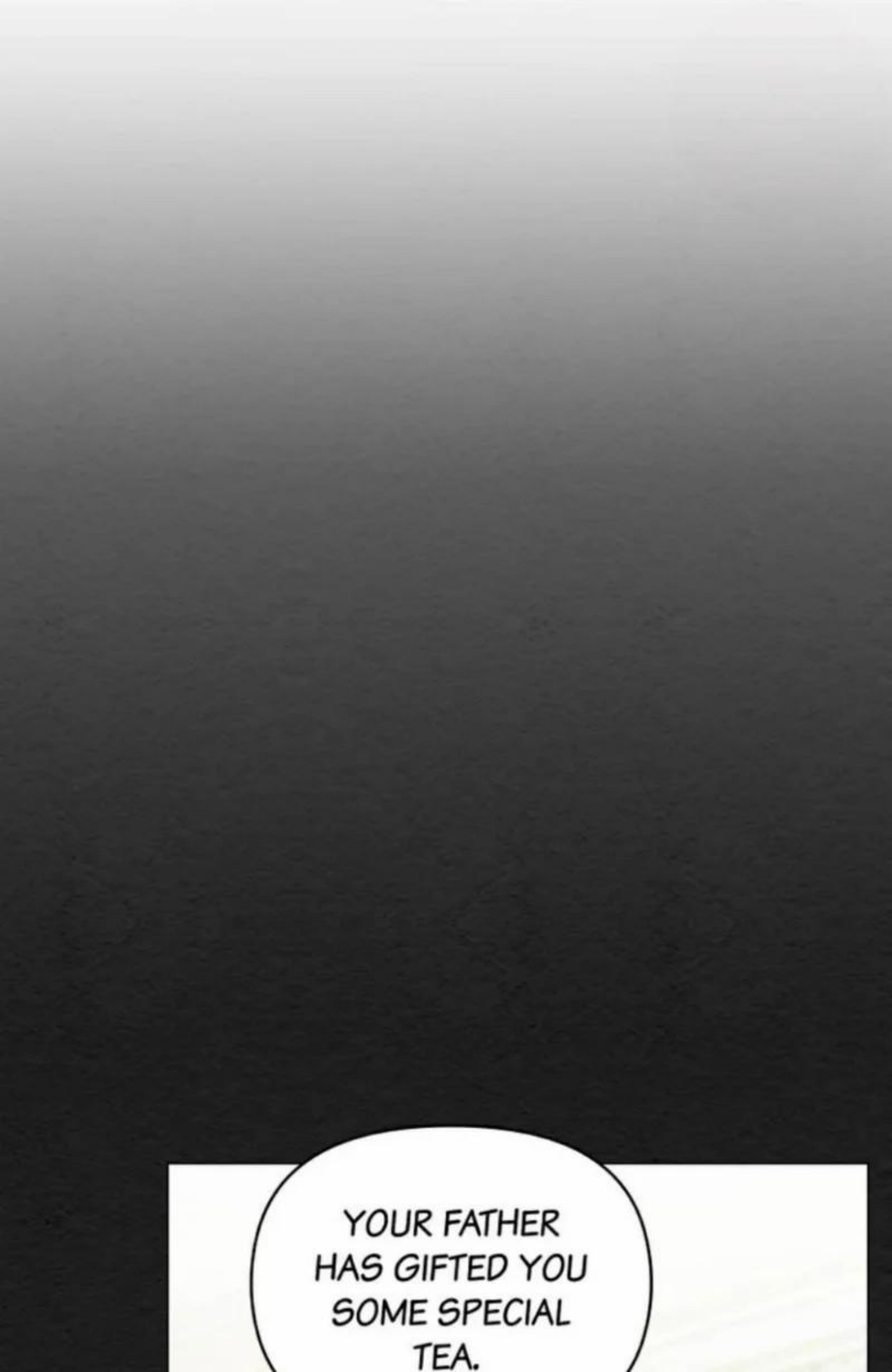
DO I REALLY NEED TO EAT ALL THIS?
IT'S HIS GRACE'S ORDERS, MY LADY.

OH, AND THIS IS SOME TEA FROM YOUR HOMETOWN.

HERE, IT'LL HELP YOU FEEL MORE RELAXED.


OH,
THIS TEA IS...

HE SENT
IT AGAIN.

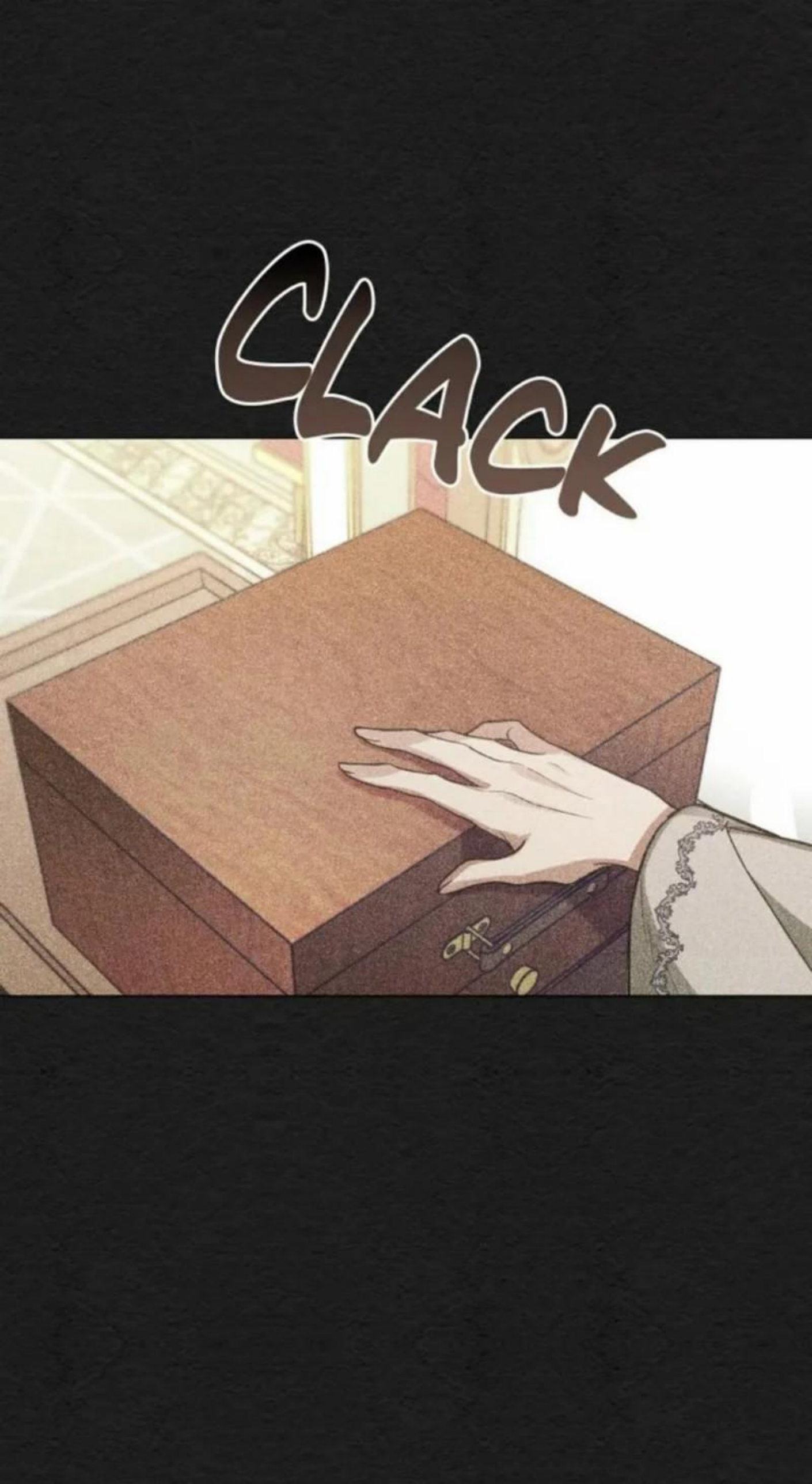

YOUR FATHER HAS GIFTED YOU SOME SPECIAL TEA.

HE'LL ONLY
FEEL AT COMPLETE
EASE

ONCE I CONFIRM
THAT YOU'VE
CONSUMED IT IN
ITS ENTIRETY.

TREMBLE...

THAT TEA WAS
SO DIFFICULT
TO DRINK...


CLACK

IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS, SO NO NEED TO FRET.

BUT WHY EXACTLY HAVE I SUDDENLY BECOME SO WEAK...?

MY APOLOGIES, BUT I'M AFRAID...

I COULDN'T FIND AN EXACT CAUSE.

THOUGH MY HANDMAID'S NO LONGER AROUND, I MUSTN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN...

SLIDE

THE FOOD'S LOVELY,

BUT I'LL HAVE TO PASS ON THE TEA.

I ASSURE YOU, THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, MY LADY.

LEAN

OH!

SIR TALLIN!

THE DUKE HANDPICKED THE TEA HIMSELF.

WOBBLE...

HE ALSO HAD HIS PERSONNEL CHECK ALL OF THE DISHES

THAT'S RIGHT! WE SURE DID!

FOR ANY SIGNS OF POISONING.

HE SEEMS TO CARE SO MUCH ABOUT ME...

THOUGH I HAVEN'T DONE A SINGLE THING FOR HIM...

I EVEN HAD THE MOST RIDICULOUS DREAM ABOUT HIM...

BLUSH—

THAT REMINDS ME,

YOUR FAMILY ARRIVED HERE JUST THIS MORNING.

OH? ARE MY BROTHERS HERE?
I HAD NO IDEA THEY WERE COMING...

WHAT AN UNEXPECTED VISIT...

THINGS MUST STILL BE TOUGH FOR THEM...

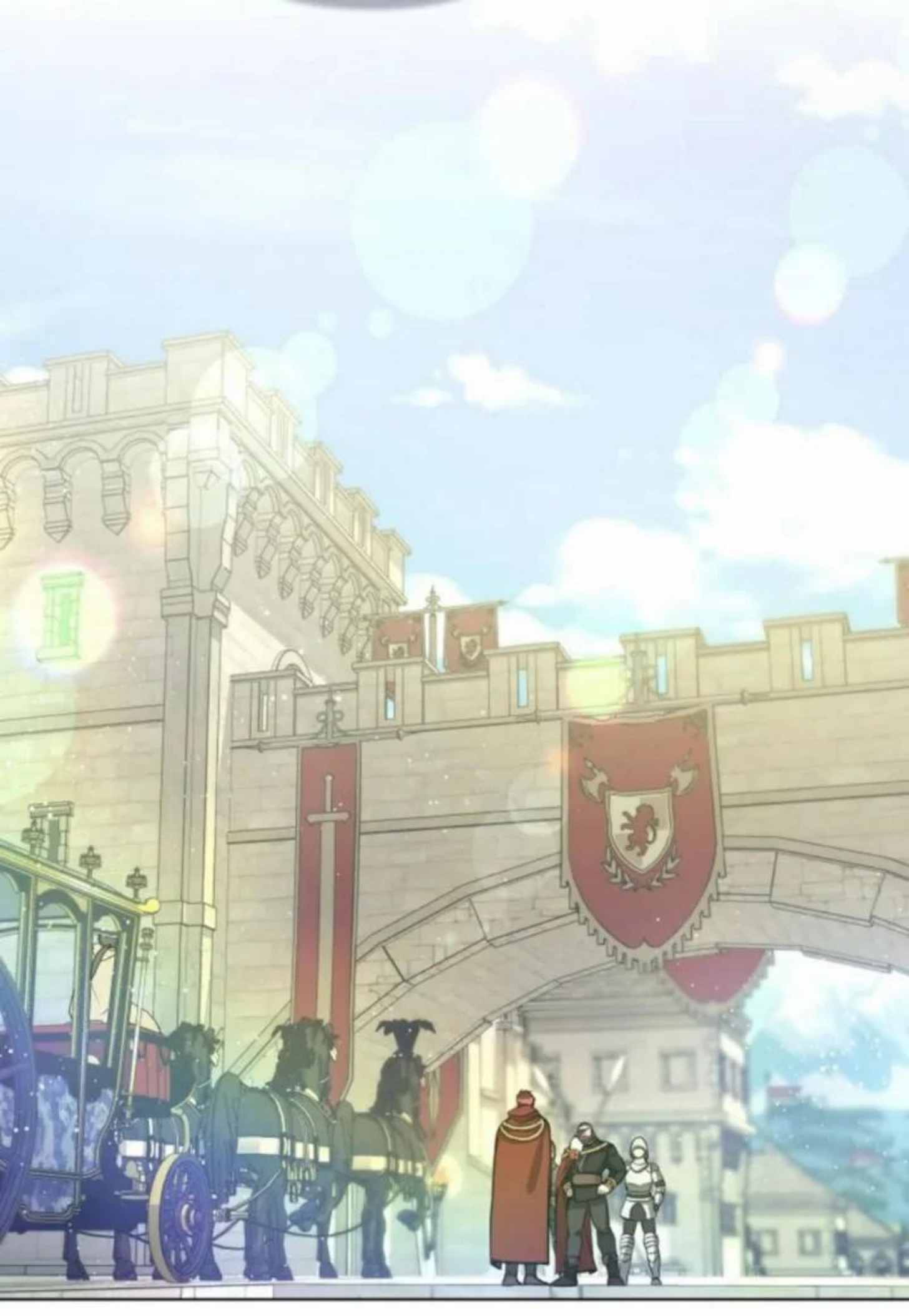
FURROW...

WHAT DOES VLAD USUALLY DO

WHEN HE HAS UNEXPECTED VISITORS?

WELL... HE USUALLY DOESN'T TAKE TOO WELL TO VISITORS IN GENERAL...

ABSOLUTELY
NOT.



IF HIS GRACE HASN'T ALLOWED IT, THEN ABSOLUTELY NOT.

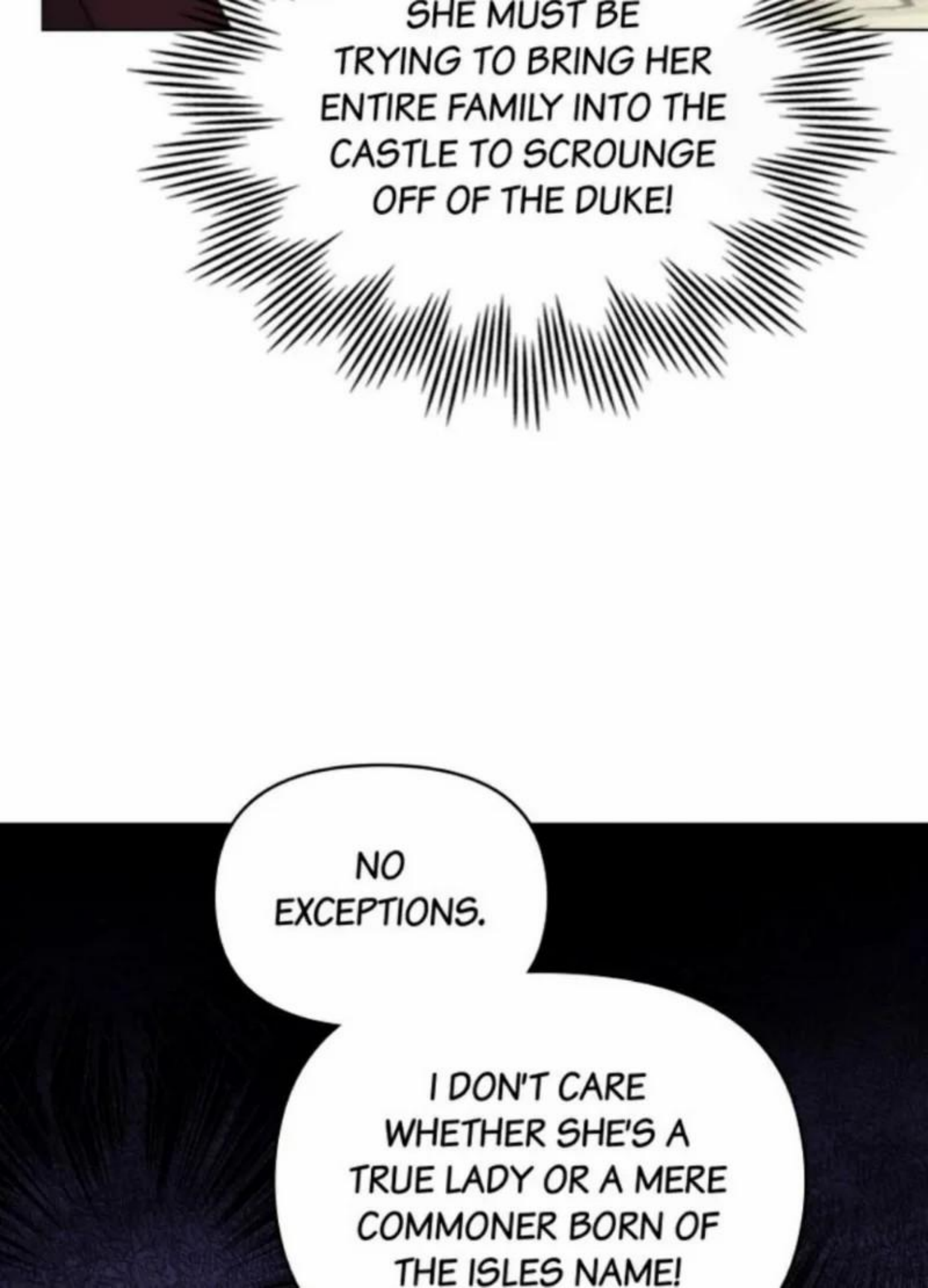
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THAT, SIR TALLIN!

AH, BUT
THE DUCHESS HAS
COME TO GREET HER
FAMILY IN PERSON.

SO PLEASE,
OPEN THE GATE.

THE DUCHESS?!
HA!

SHE'S NOTHING MORE THAN A COMMONER WHO'S BRIBED HER WAY INTO MARRYING NOBILITY.


SHE MUST BE TRYING TO BRING HER ENTIRE FAMILY INTO THE CASTLE TO SCROUNGE OFF OF THE DUKE!
NO EXCEPTIONS.
I DON'T CARE WHETHER SHE'S A TRUE LADY OR A MERE COMMONER BORN OF THE ISLES NAME!

CRACKLE

THE DUCHESS IS IN THE CARRIAGE, SO OPEN THE GATE!

YOU'RE BEING MOST DISCOURTEOUS TO THE LADY OF THE HOUSE! WE ALL VOWED OUR LOYALTY TO HER, REMEMBER?!

ARGH!
YOU LISTEN HERE!
THE LADY ARRIVED 3 MONTHS EARLIER THAN EXPECTED!
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DO YOU KNOW HOW TROUBLESOME THAT WAS FOR US?!

THAT'S—!

SWING!

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LADY OF ARCADIA, IT'S AN HONOR.

BOW

COUNT GODWIN VALKS, LORD OF CADIS, AT YOUR SERVICE.

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GLANCE...

THIS DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT HER FAMILY'S MADE A SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED VISIT...

I MUST REMAIN ON GUARD.

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AND I'D RATHER
SHE HATE ME FOR
DOING JUST THAT,
NOT FOR SOMETHING
OBSCURE...

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COUNT VALKS,

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I THOUGHT FOR SURE SHE'D START SHOUTING...

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PERHAPS SHE'S MORE DIGNIFIED THAN I FIRST THOUGHT...

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BUT, YOU SEE,
I'M ACTUALLY HERE
TO SEND MY FAMILY
BACK.

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DISREGARDING
THE DUCHESS IN
FRONT OF YOUR
MASTER'S MEN

IS NO WISE WAY TO PROVE YOUR LOYALTY, NOW IS IT?

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YES, THAT'S CORRECT. I, TOO, WOULD OF COURSE LIKE TO RESPECT THE DUKE'S POSITION AND PREFERENCES.

SO, COULD YOU OPEN THE GATE FOR ME?

I'VE BEEN MOST DISRESPECTFUL, MY LADY...

WELL, DON'T JUST STAND THERE!

YOU HEARD HER GRACE! OPEN THE GATE!

Y-YES, SIR!

SIGH...

SMILE

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EP 7

LILY!

DANDELION!
RUSH

OH, HOW I'VE MISSED YOU!

LEAP

SKIP

HAVE YOU BEEN WELL?

AND WHAT ABOUT LOKI?
LOKI'S BEEN QUITE BUSY, SO...

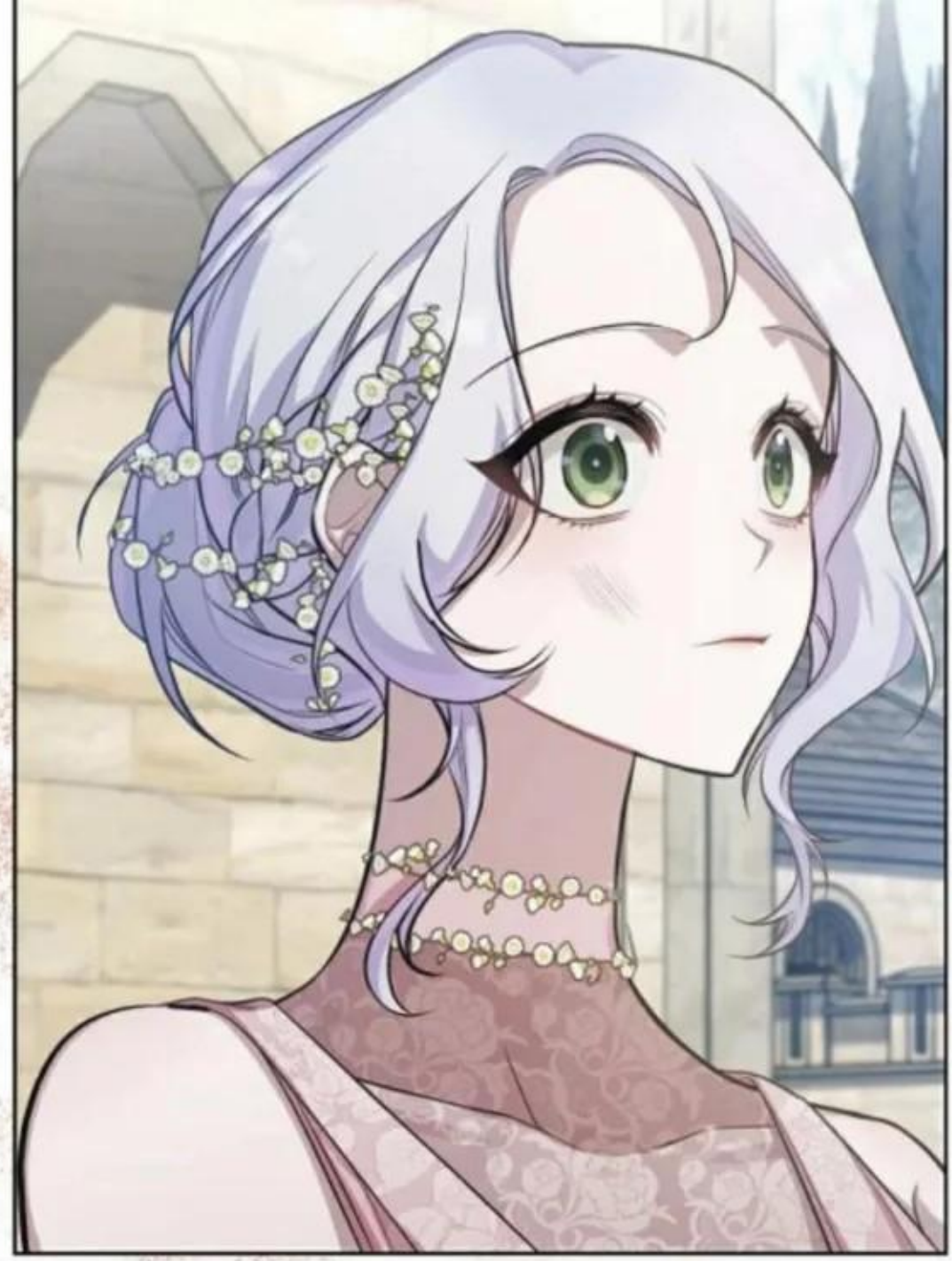
I CAME WITH TRISTAN INSTEAD.
STEP

TRISTAN!

REACH

AH, DUCHESS OF WINTER. IT'S SUCH A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.



...OH, AND YOUR DRESS IS BEAUTIFUL.

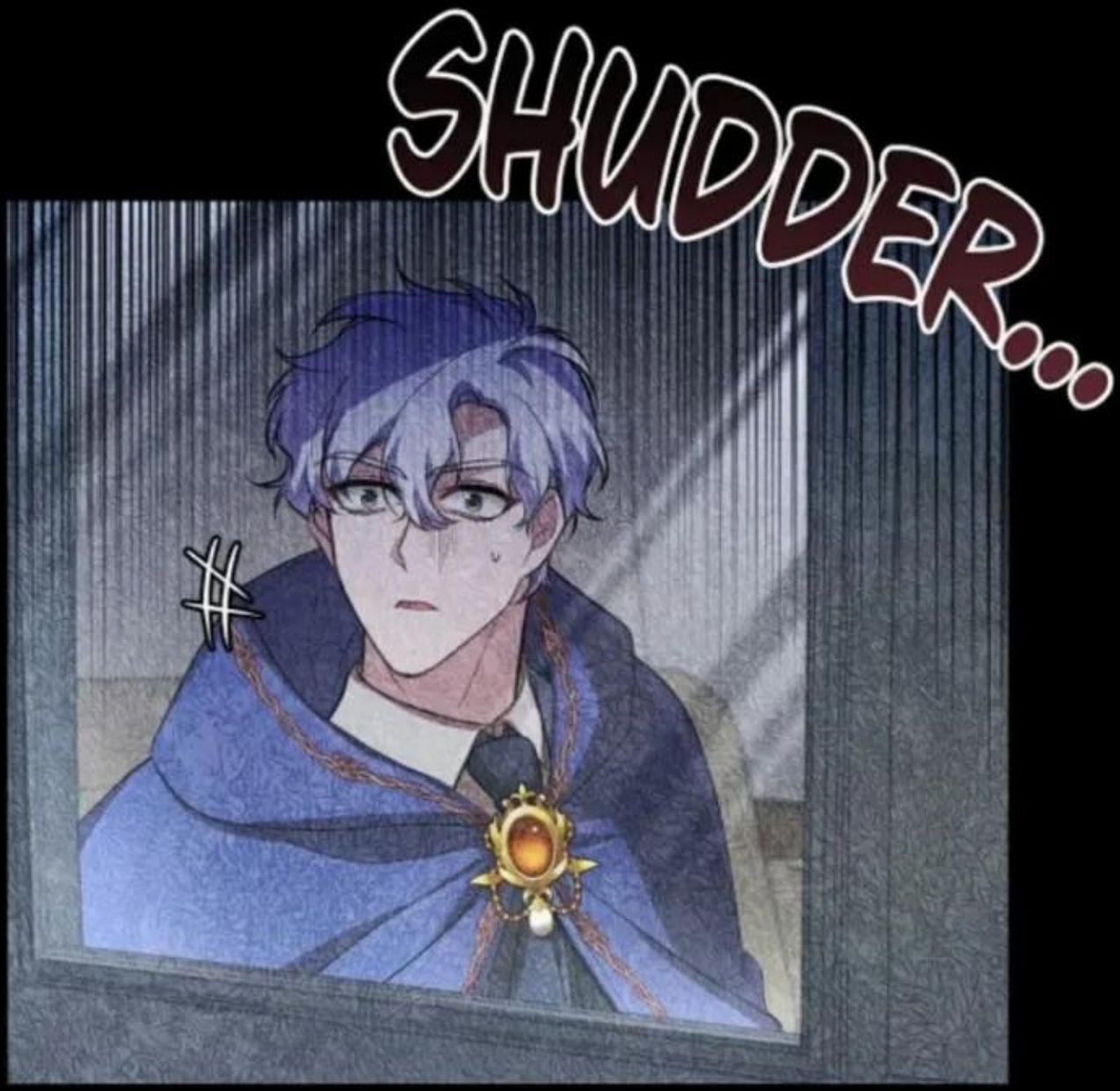
YOUR HUSBAND MUST TREAT YOU WELL.

RUSTLE...

HE DOES.
IT HASN'T BEEN
THAT LONG SINCE I
ARRIVED, BUT...

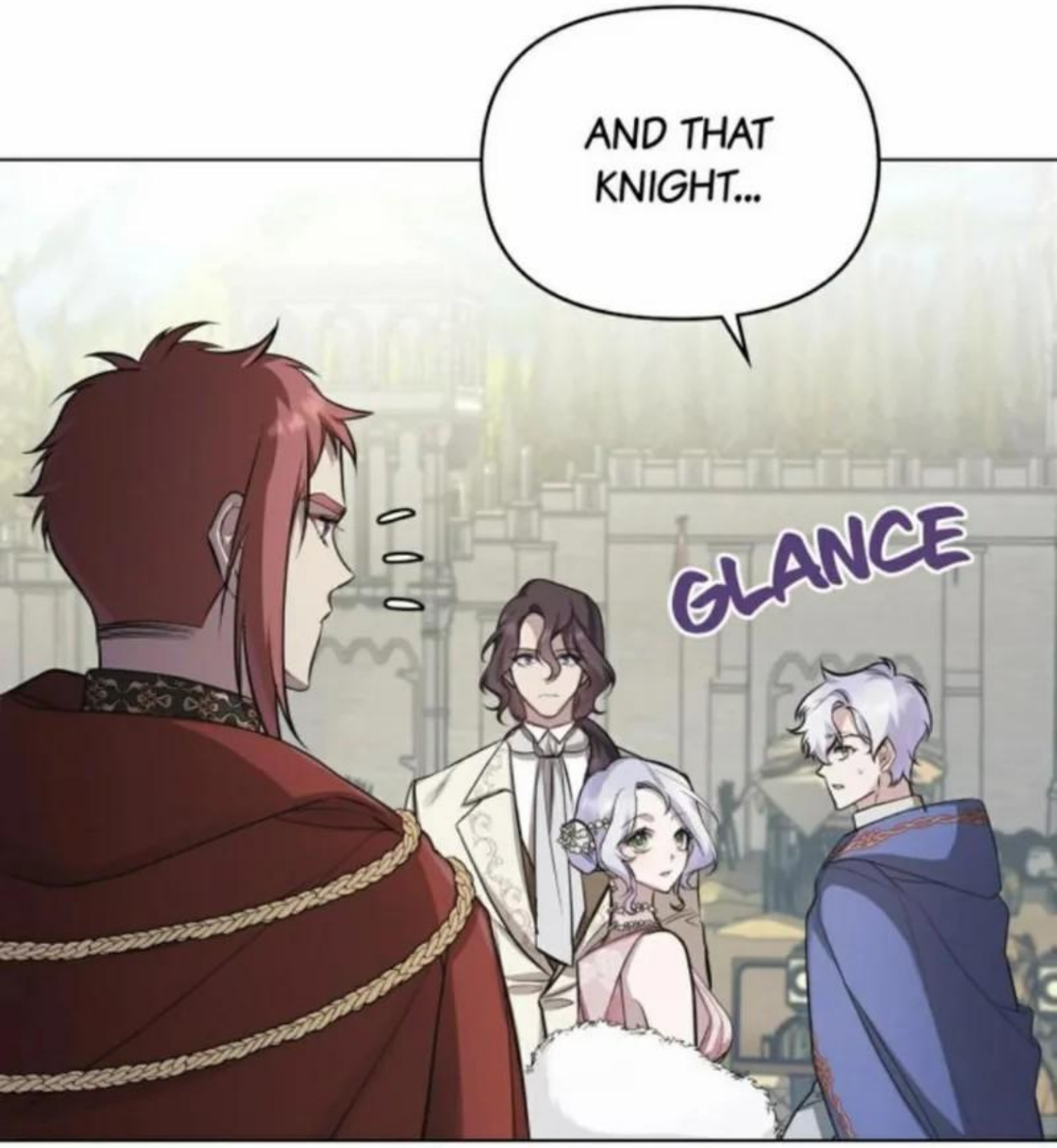
I THINK I'VE
BEEN SETTLING
IN ALL RIGHT.

HAVE YOU REALLY...?
I MEAN, I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT, BUT...


SHUDDER...

I SAW A
HEAD HANGING
FROM A BRIDGE ON
MY WAY HERE...

WHAT A HORRIFYING PLACE...
WHIP


AND THAT KNIGHT...
GLANCE

I FEEL LIKE HE'D CHOP MY HEAD OFF IN AN INSTANT IF I WERE TO EVER MAKE YOU CRY!

DANDELION'S POV...

ICY...

YOU CAN'T JUST BLURT OUT THINGS LIKE THAT, DANNY!

MY LADY,

WHY DON'T WE CONTINUE THIS CONVERSATION INSIDE?

WAH...

OH, TRISTAN...

I'M SO HAPPY YOU BOTH CAME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE ME...

BUT I'M AFRAID
I CAN'T LET YOU
ENTER THE
CASTLE...

PLEASE COME VISIT AGAIN ONCE YOU'VE RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE DUKE.

YOU SEE,
YOU'LL NEED HIS
PERMISSION TO
ENTER CADIS.

BUT AS HE'S CURRENTLY OUT ON AN EXPEDITION,

THAT UNFORTUNATELY ISN'T POSSIBLE RIGHT NOW...

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OH? AND THE LADY OF THE CASTLE HAS NO POWER IN INVITING US IN?
SERIOUSLY?!
HMM...

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WHAT KIND OF MAN IS THE DUKE?

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GLANCE...

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NOW THAT THE WAR'S OVER, MILITARY DISCIPLINE'S BEEN DECLINING...

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AND MY MEN HAVE BEEN BRAZENLY FRATERNIZING WITH MY WIFE...

AHHH!

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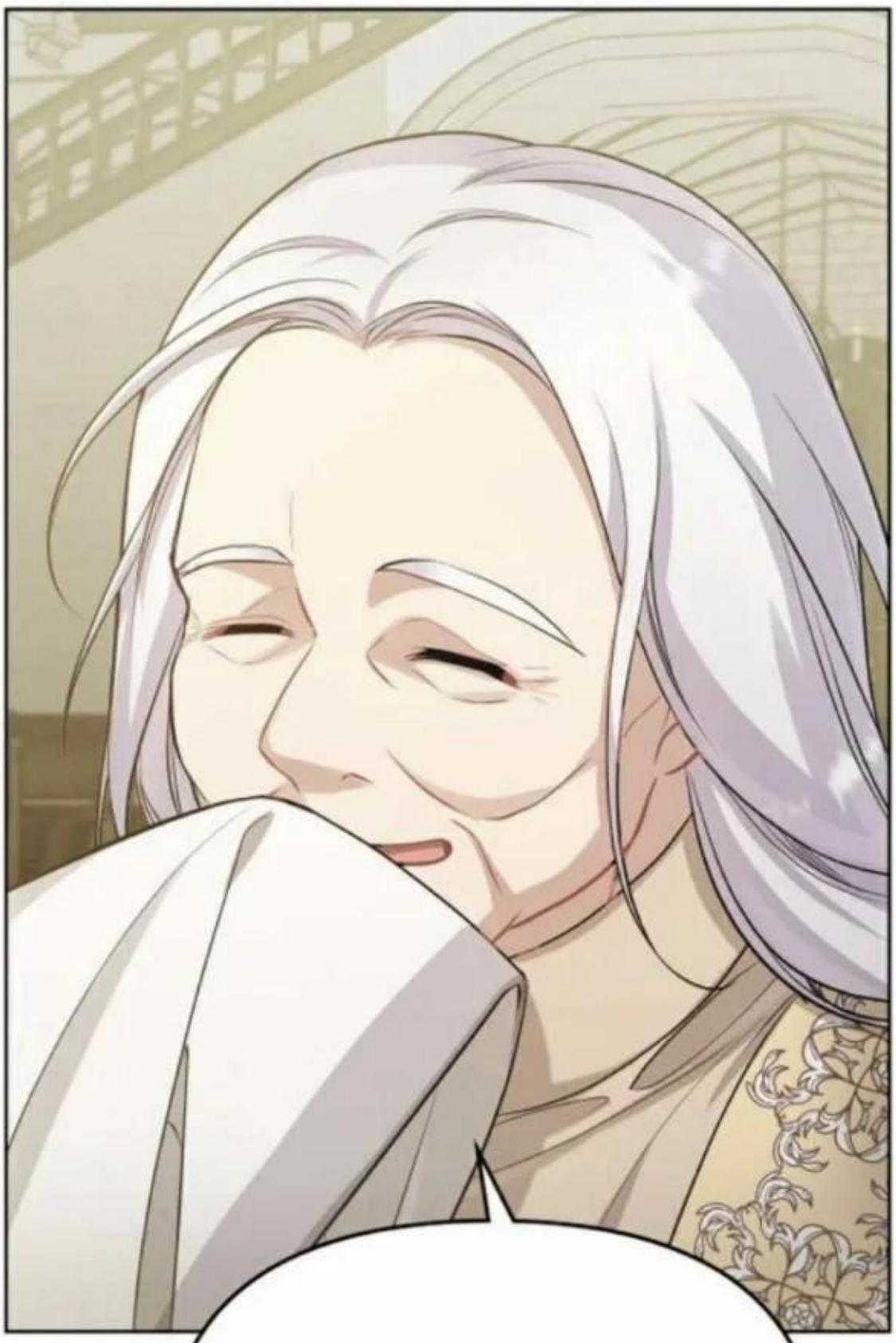

HOHO... YOU'VE BEEN DOMINATING THE BATTLEFIELD FOR OVER 10 YEARS,

YET YOUR WIFE SMILING AT YOUR SUBORDINATES IS WHAT TROUBLES YOU, IS IT?

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NOT AT ALL. I JUST NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SEE THE DAY YOU FRET LIKE THIS.

WELL, I SUPPOSE THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR LIVING A LONG LIFE, HAHA.

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AHEM, WELL... YOU SEEM TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH, SO I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW.

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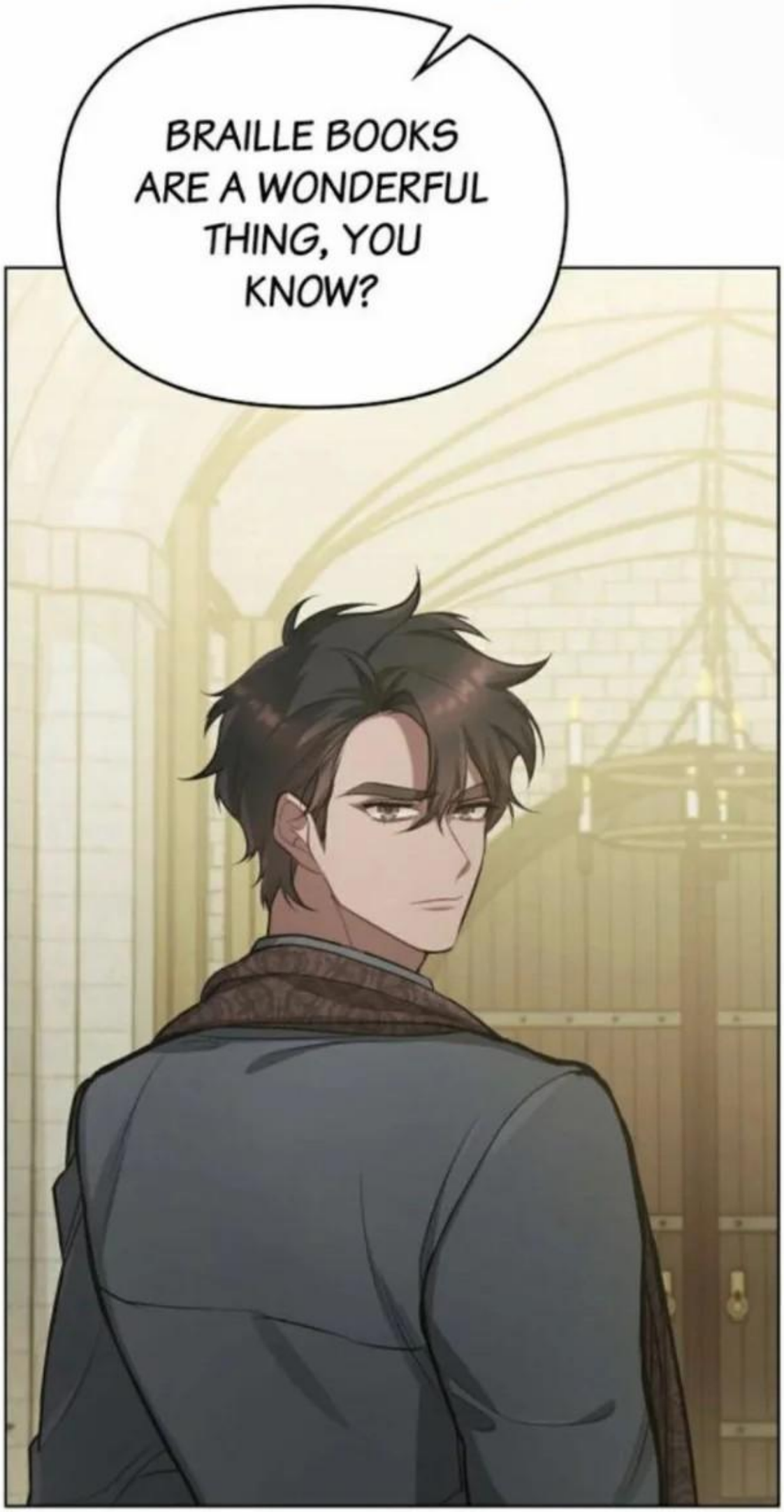

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THE CHILDREN HERE ARE DOING VERY WELL THANKS TO YOU, YOUR GRACE.

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NARROW...

THAT MEANS
THAT THE PRINCESS
IS STILL ALIVE.

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WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

THERE'S SOMEONE REQUESTING PERMISSION TO VISIT THE CASTLE, YOUR GRACE.

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...WELL, AS THE PRINCESS'S HEAD IS STILL INTACT,

TELL THEM TO CLEAR OUT, UNLESS THEY INTEND TO START A WAR WITH ME.

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IT'S THE
ISLES FAMILY.

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THE DUCHESS'S BROTHER MADE AN UNEXPECTED VISIT.

SO... WHAT DO YOU WISH TO DO, YOUR GRACE?

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SIGH...

I'LL DO WHATEVER MY WIFE WISHES.

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DOES YOUR NEW HUSBAND TREAT YOU WELL?

SO FAR, YES...

I APPRECIATE THAT HE DOESN'T BEAT ME.

THERE ARE STILL MANY THINGS I'M... *UNFAMILIAR* WITH,

BUT THAT'S ONE HUGE RELIEF, I'D SAY.

OH, I SEE...

PAUSE

.....

TRISTAN...
WHAT IS IT? IT SEEMS
THERE'S SOMETHING
ON YOUR MIND...

……

HM? AH, NO, NO.
IT JUST SEEMS I
WAS WORRIED OVER
NOTHING.

...GOODNESS,
THOSE FLOWERS...
THEY REMIND ME
OF THAT ONE DAY YOU
CRIED WHEN WE WERE
YOUNGER.

SOB

I DON'T WANNA GET MARRIED, TRISTAN.

I CAN'T BEAR BEING APART FROM MY BROTHERS.

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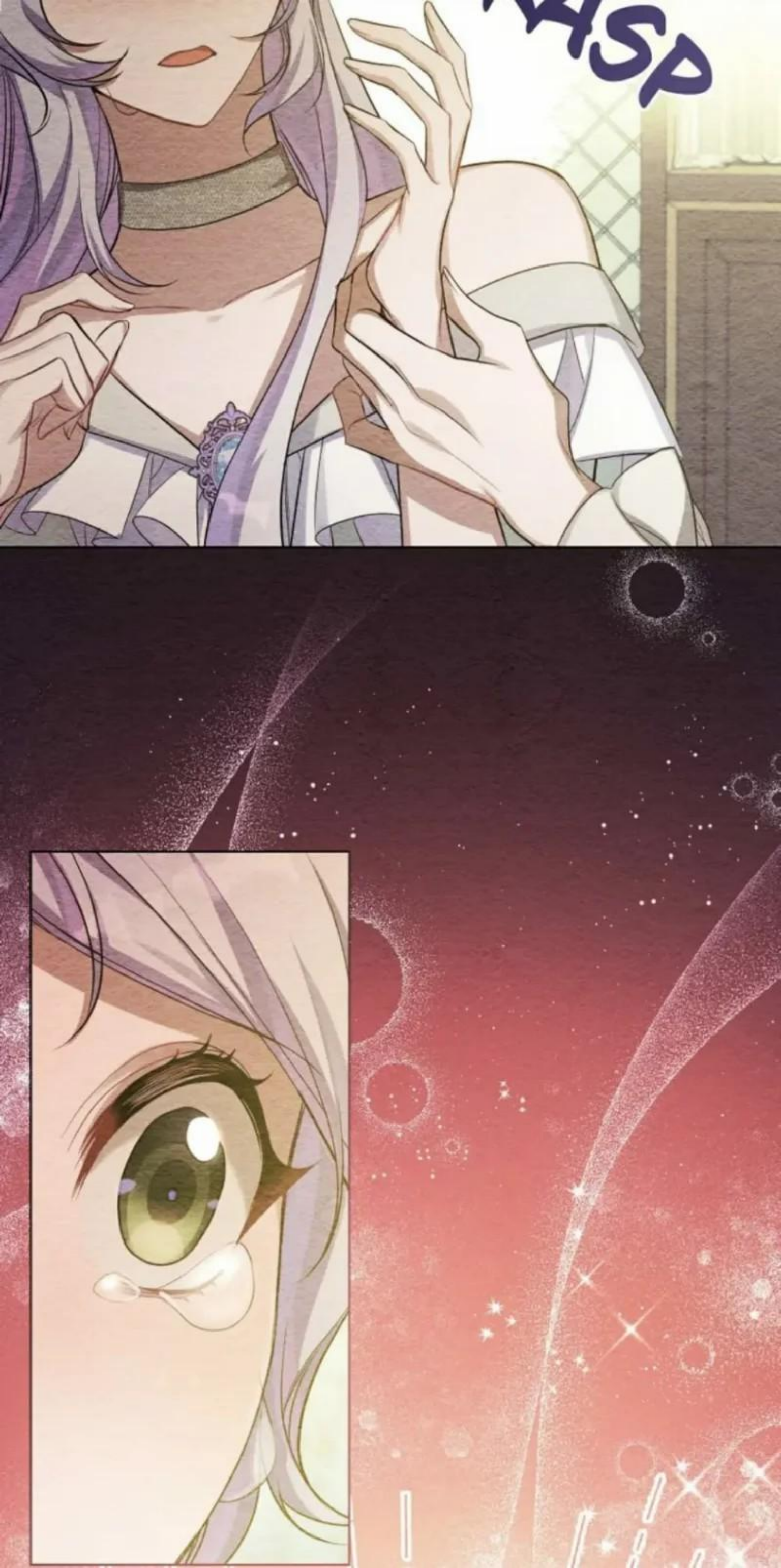
HASP

WH-WHAT'S THIS...?

SOMEDAY,
WHEN I GROW
RICH,

I'LL PROPOSE
TO YOU WITH MUCH

MORE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS THAN THESE.

WOULDN'T YOU RATHER YOU MARRIED A FRIEND THAN A MAN WHOSE FACE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE?

HUH...?
HAHA...
BUT, TRISTAN...
WHO EVER SAID
I'D WANNA MARRY
YOU?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE YOU STILL
REMEMBER THAT!

HAHA,
WELL, I THINK
MY FACE HAS GROWN

TO BE RATHER DECENT, WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?

OH, TRISTAN! WELL, ONE THING'S FOR SURE — YOUR ABILITY TO MAKE ME LAUGH IS THE SAME AS EVER.

WHIP!
STARTLED!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, LILY?

AM I MORE HANDSOME THAN YOUR HUSBAND?

OH, UM,
ABOUT THAT...

WELL, HE'S... HE'S QUITE ORDINARY YOU SEE...

BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME WHAT MY HUSBAND LOOKS LIKE.

LIES.

LILY,

I'M AFRAID
I MUST ASK,
BUT...

HAVE YOU NOT YET SEEN YOUR HUSBAND'S FACE?

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EP 8

STEP

GAZE...

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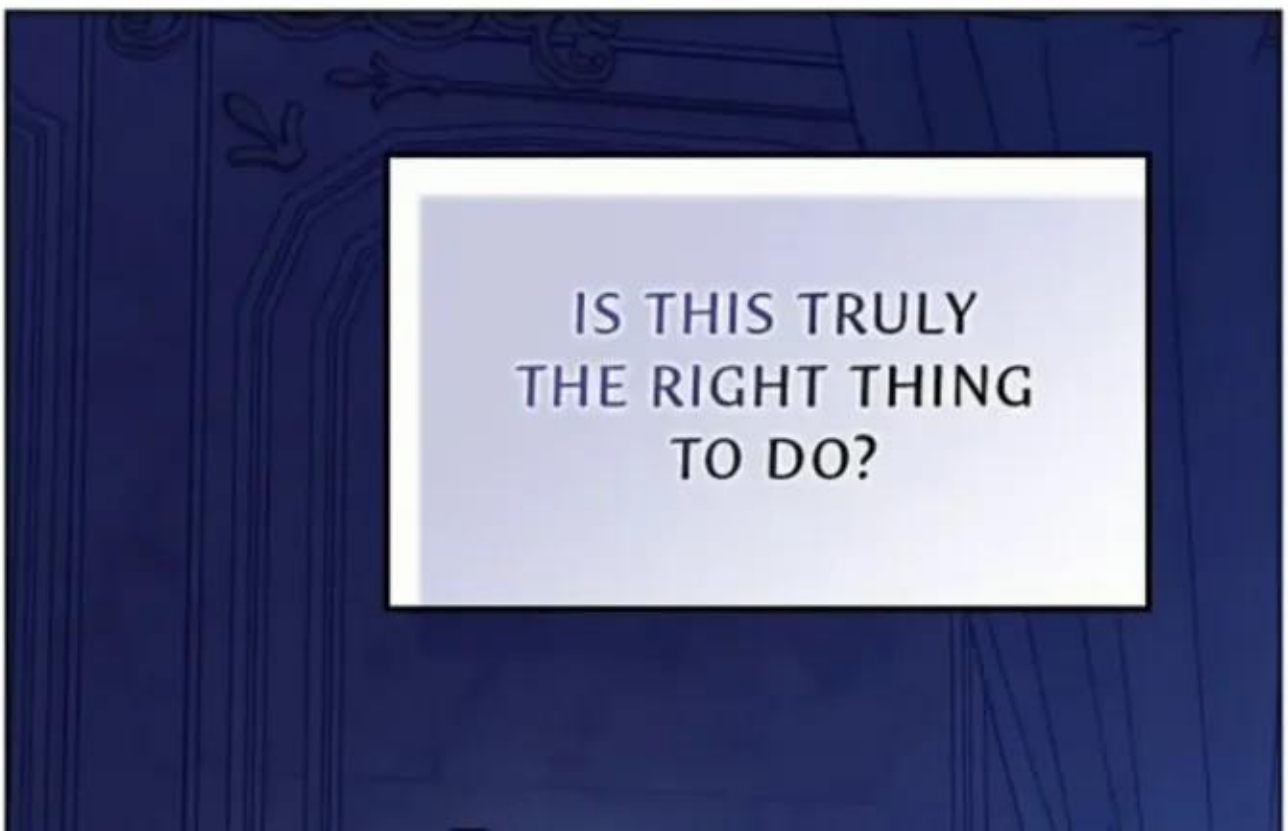

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DISOBEY HIM, LILY.

IF THE DUKE LEARNS THAT YOU DON'T CARE WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE,

THEN YOU CAN FINALLY DISSOLVE ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN YOU TWO.

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THERE'LL BE NO NEED FOR ME TO COVER MY EYES ANYMORE.

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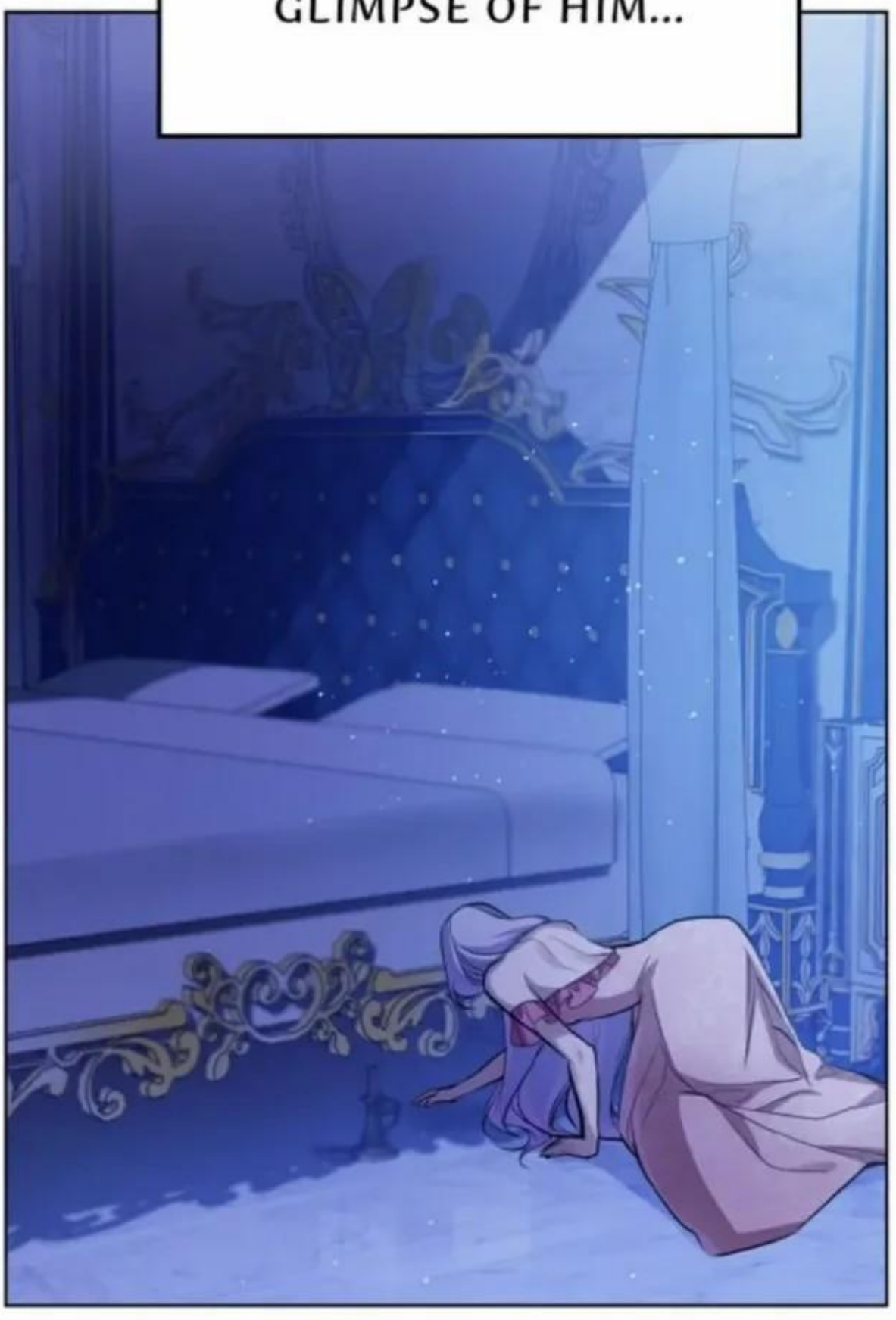
BUT FOR TONIGHT,
I'LL JUST CATCH A
GLIMPSE OF HIM...



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WHILE HE'S
ASLEEP.

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BUT I MUSTN'T GET CAUGHT...

CLUTCH...

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SO, FOR NOW,
I'LL CONTINUE
DOING WHAT I'VE
ALWAYS DONE.

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AH, MY WIFE'S A RATHER LOVELY CREATURE, ISN'T SHE? HAHA.

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...YOUR GRACE?

I'M SORRY,

BUT I CAN'T SEEM TO TIE THIS ON PROPERLY...

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STEP

IT'S "VLAD," REMEMBER?

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DIDN'T I
TELL YOU

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TO CALL ME
BY NAME?

THUMP

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THE SOUND OF A RAPID HEARTBEAT...

THUMP

THUMP

IS THAT *MY* HEART?

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THUMP

WHY AM I SO NERVOUS...?

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STROKE

FALTER...

...WERE YOU INJURED AT ALL?

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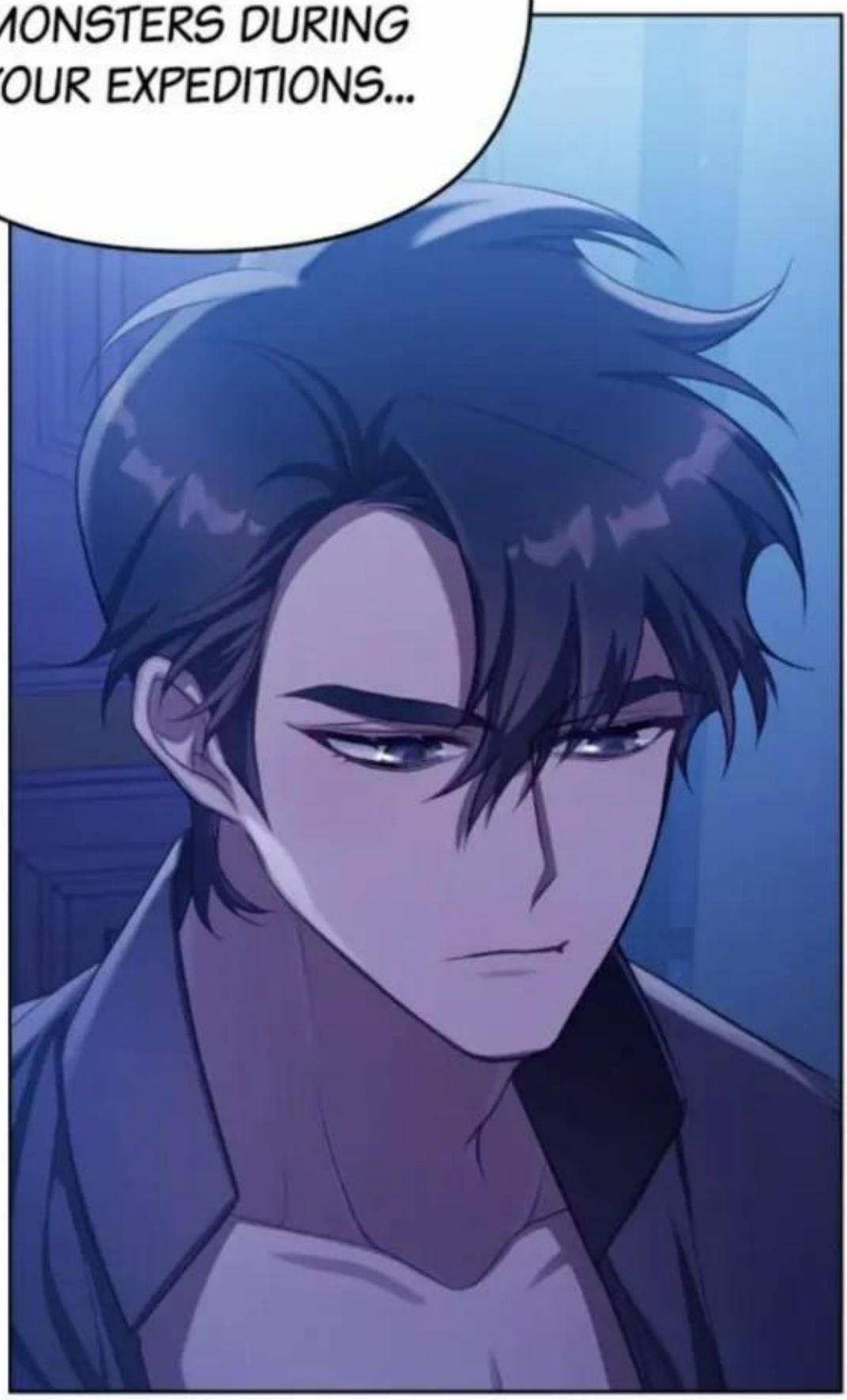
I... I HEARD YOU OFTEN ENCOUNTER MONSTERS DURING YOUR EXPEDITIONS...



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CROUCH
WAS THAT WHAT WORRIED YOU WHILE YOU WERE HERE ALL ALONE?

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OF COURSE.
AFTER ALL, I'M
YOUR WIFE...

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ON OUR FIRST NIGHT, I THOUGHT THOSE WORRIES OF YOURS
WERE NOTHING BUT UNNECESSARY CONCERNS.

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NOW...

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I FIND IT QUITE A LOVELY PART OF YOU, LILY.

TO BE CONTINUED...

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RISE...
HE'S ASLEEP
NOW, ISN'T HE?

COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN HIS SLEEPING SILHOUETTE BEFORE.

HE'S ALWAYS GONE WHEN MORNING COMES.

Disobey the Duke if You Dare

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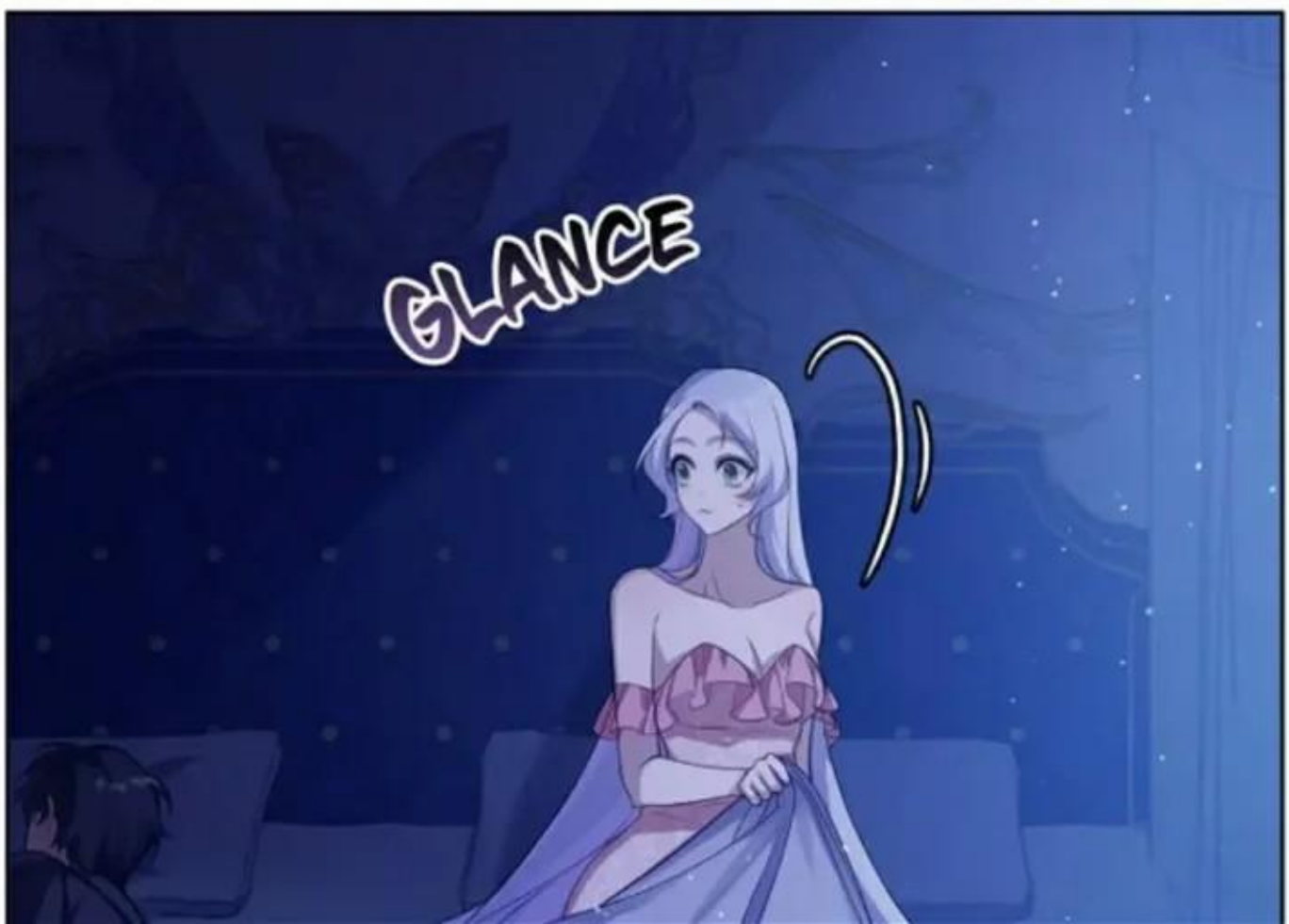
OPEN


GLANCE

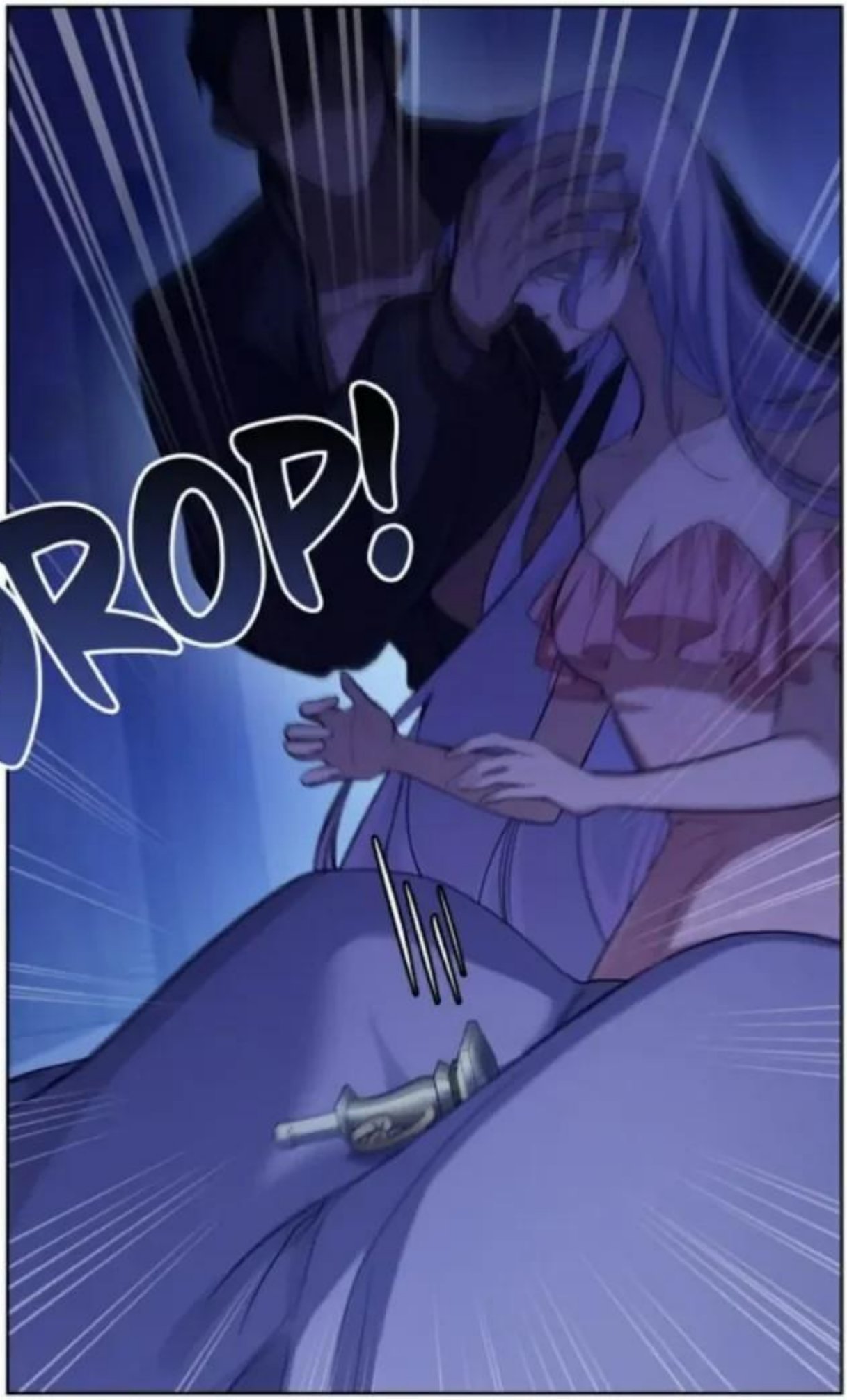
LEAN...

THERE'S NO NEED TO BE AFRAID.

I'LL JUST
TAKE A QUICK
LOOK AT HIS FACE,
THEN IMMEDIATELY
PUT OUT THE FLAME.

NOW ALL I
NEED IS A BIT
OF LIGHT.

STARTLED!



SWAY

V-VLAD...

FLOP

HM, IT SEEMS
YOU'RE QUITE PREPARED
FOR THE CONSEQUENCES
OF YOUR ACTIONS.

THUMP

THUMP

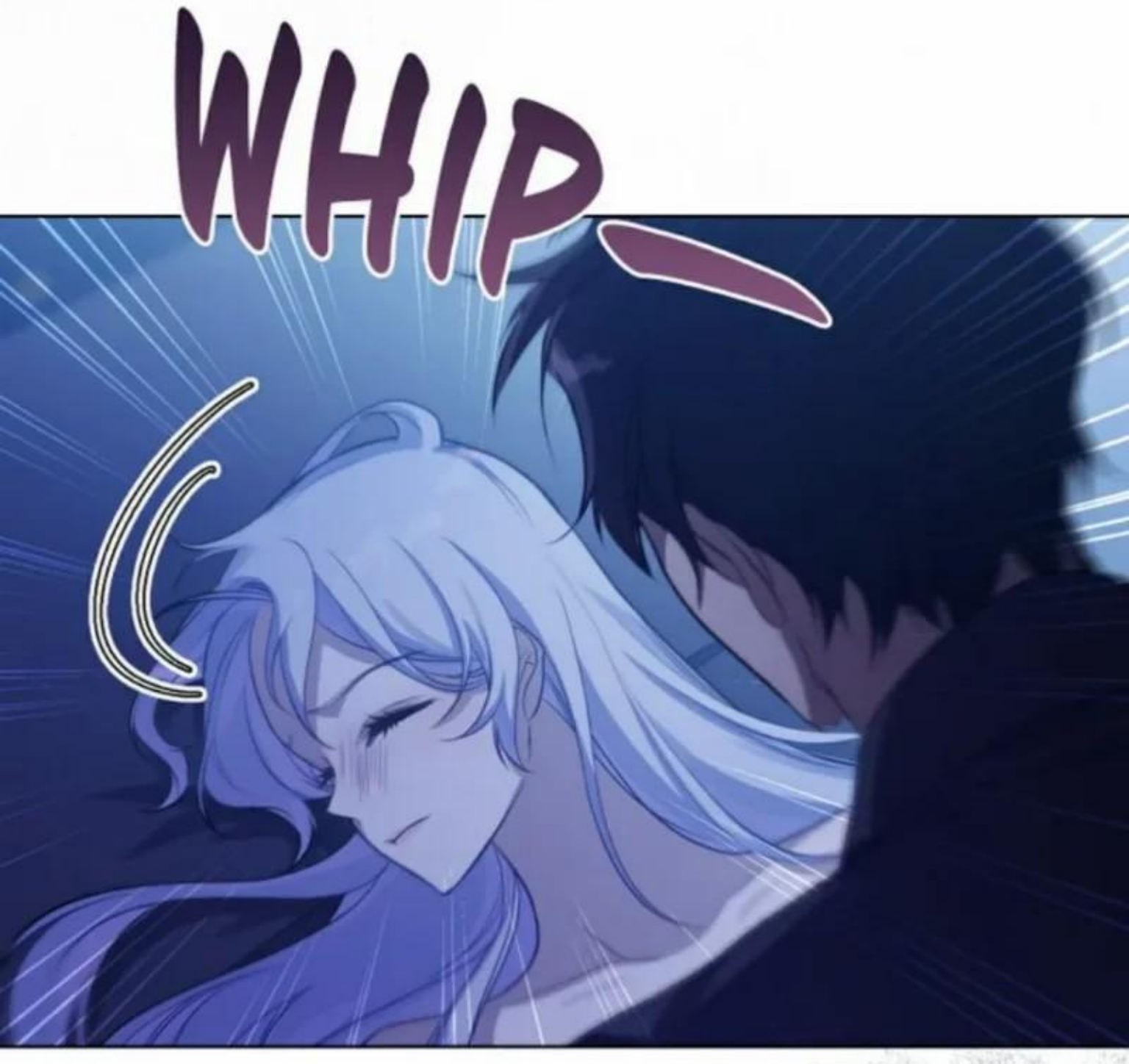
GO AHEAD, LILY. LOOK AT MY FACE.

SLIIIDE

WELL, IF YOU CAN HANDLE IT, THAT IS.

HOWEVER,
ONCE YOU SEE
WHO I TRULY AM...

THIS MARRIAGE
WILL BECOME FAR
WORSE.

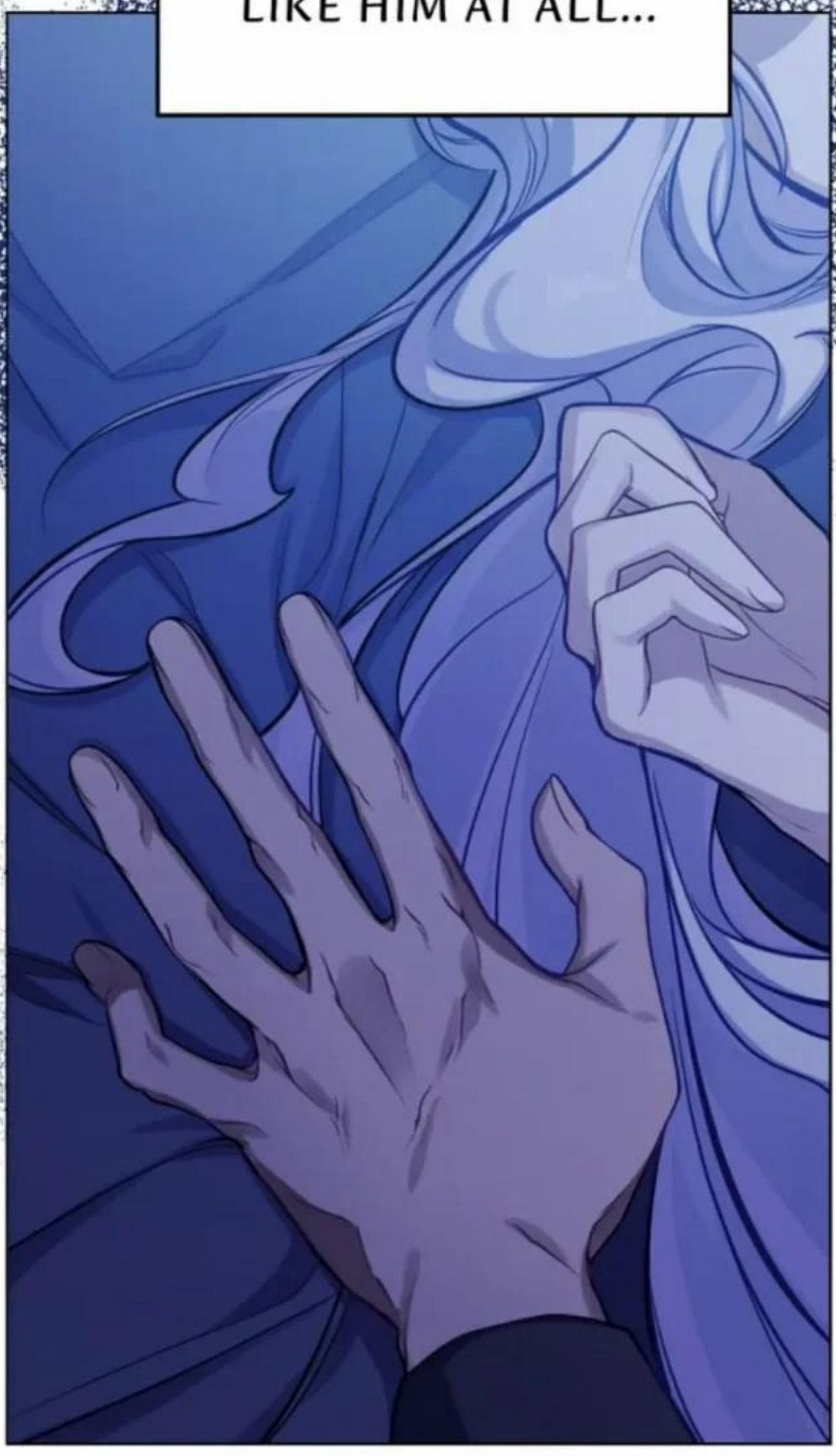

WHIP—

SQUEEZE

I'M SCARED...

I'M POSITIVE HE'S VLAD,

BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HIM AT ALL...



VLAD, I...

I...

THAT YOUR APPEARANCE DOESN'T MATTER TO ME.

WIPE...

PROVE,
YOU SAY?

DID YOUR BROTHERS COERCE YOU

INTO PROVING SOMETHING

EITHER TO ME OR TO THEM?

HOW DID YOU...?

NO.

I... I DID THIS ALL OF MY OWN ACCORD.

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HM, I SEE.
SO OUR MARRIAGE
WAS NO DIFFERENT...

RISE...

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IT'S DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO OPPOSE THOSE DEAREST TO YOU,

AND SO, WITH RELUCTANCE, YOU—

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THAT'S...

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HER WORRIES
WERE MERELY
HONEYED WORDS...

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WHAT WAS
I EXPECTING?

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I KNOW SHE WAS FORCED TO MARRY ME.

WELL THEN, LILY... I BID YOU GOODNIGHT.

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I'LL LEAVE YOU BE.

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VOLT

STEP

STEP

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VLAD...

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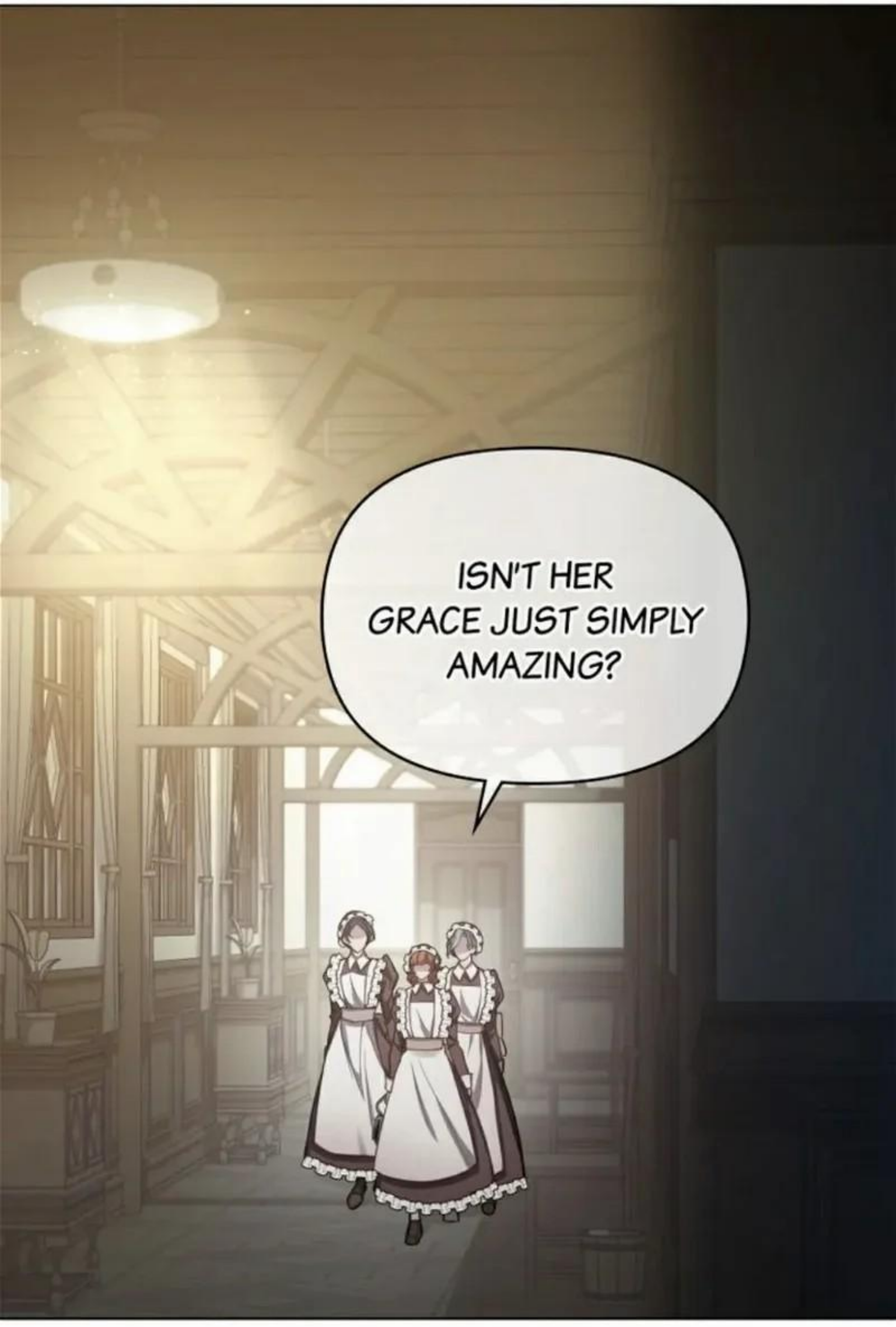

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I DIDN'T THINK SHE'D BE ABLE TO ADJUST TO HAVING ALL THESE SERVANTS AROUND SO SUDDENLY.

HAHA, WELL, SHE *IS* THE DAUGHTER OF LORD ISLES, YOU KNOW.

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INTERACTING WITH PEOPLE LIKE US IS NOTHING NEW TO HER, HEEHEE!

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EVEN SO,
SHE'S INCREDIBLY
CONSIDERATE.

RIGHT?!

I CAN SEE
WHY YOU ADORE
HER SO MUCH.

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SO YOU KNOW THE CLOTHES SHE GOT FROM THE IMPERIAL FAMILY?
WELL...

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STEP

STEP

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FORGIVE ME,
LILY.

STEP

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THIS IS FOR
YOUR OWN
SAKE.

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HM?
A LETTER?

RUSTLE

DEAREST
LILY,

AS I HAVE
SOME BUSINESS
TO ATTEND TO, I'M
AFRAID I WON'T BE AT
THE CASTLE TODAY.

PLEASE DON'T
WAIT FOR ME
TONIGHT.

STEP

STEP

I MAY
NOT RETURN
UNTIL AFTER
NIGHTFALL.

I'M LEAVING TALLIN WITH YOU, SO PLEASE UTILIZE HIM AS YOU SEE FIT.

TO WAKE THE LADY...

TO NOT WAKE THE LADY...

P.S.

IF YOU HAPPEN TO COME ACROSS THE COMMANDER...

DAMN IT!
I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER.

KNOCK KNOCK

GOOD MORNING, MY LADY!

FLINCH

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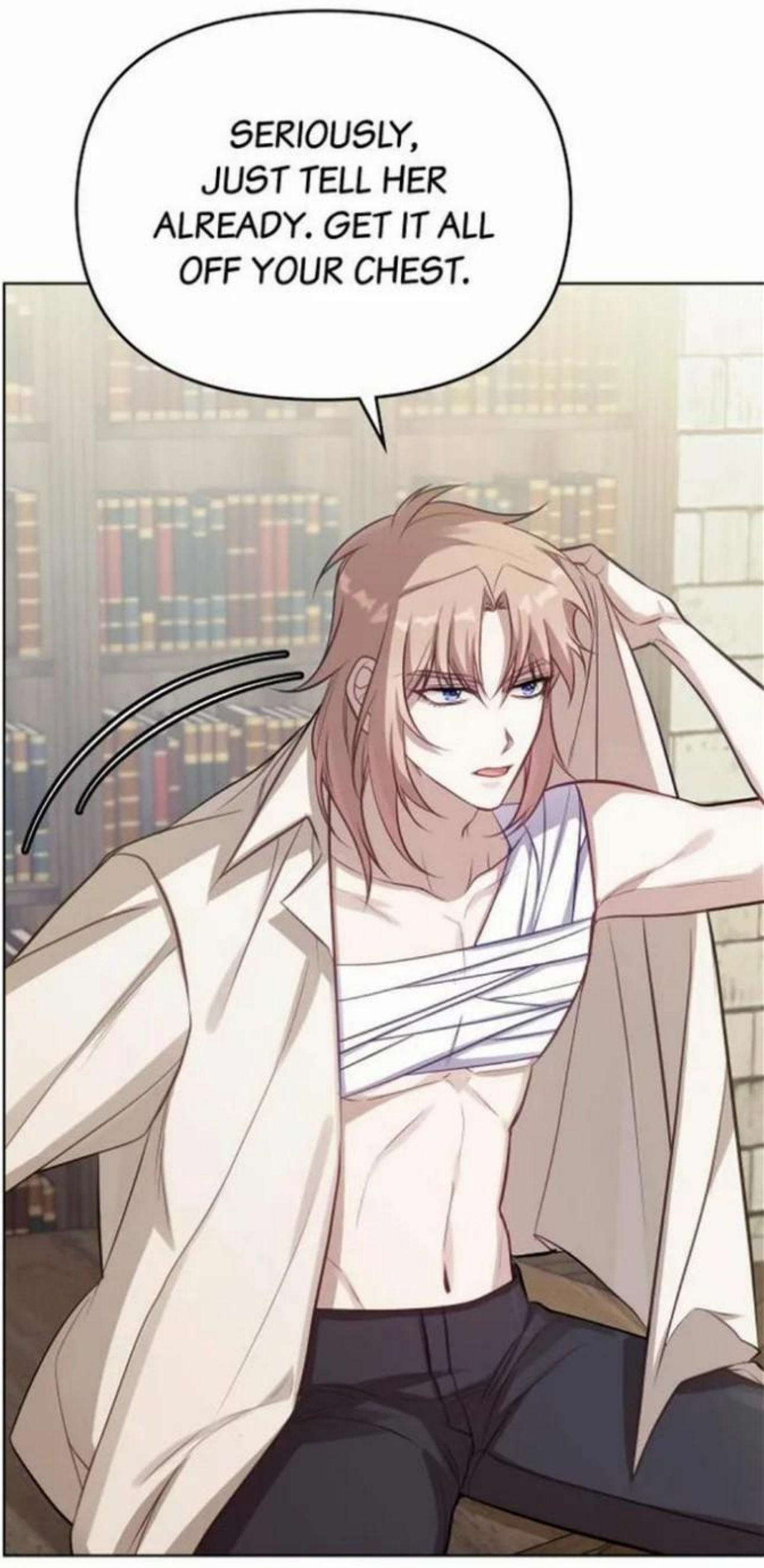

THAT'S PREPOSTEROUS.

I NEED A SOLUTION, NOT AN EMPTY RESPONSE.

I MAY BE RISKING MY LIFE BY TELLING YOU THIS...

BUT HONESTLY, AT THIS RATE, YOUR WIFE'S SURELY GONNA ASK FOR A DIVORCE

BEFORE SHE'S EVEN HAD THE CHANCE TO SEE YOUR FACE.

IT'S POSSIBLE SHE ALREADY ENTERTAINED THE THOUGHT—

WHAM!

HRRK!

Ow...

THAT HURT!

STRIDE

STRIDE

I GUESS THAT LAST EXPEDITION WAS WORTH IT.

SPEAK SO LIGHTLY OF MY WIFE AGAIN,

SLAM!

AND YOU MAY VERY WELL FIND YOUR HEAD HANGING FROM THE CEILING OF THIS CASTLE.

TAP

TAP

GULP

NOD

NOD

WHIP

.....

M-MY LADY!

WH-WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE...?!

FLUSTERED

I-I WAS JUST HEADING TO CONFESSION...

DECENT, GOOD-LOOKING MEN ARE EITHER MARRIED...

OR IN
LOVE WITH
EACH OTHER!

COMMANDER,
FATHER IVAN...

I HAD NO
IDEA YOU TWO
WERE...

SWEAT...

NO, WAIT...

YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA! THIS ISN'T WHAT YOU THINK!

I... I—

I RESPECT YOUR PREFERENCES.

SWEAT...

SO, UM, I...

I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO TO IT!

DASH!

% ^&% ^&

SLAM!

WAIT,
MY LADY...

THIS
MAN HERE...

IS ALREADY
SPOKEN FOR!

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FLING!

WHAT DID
I JUST SEE...?

MY DEAR LILY...

P-PLEASE WAIT...!

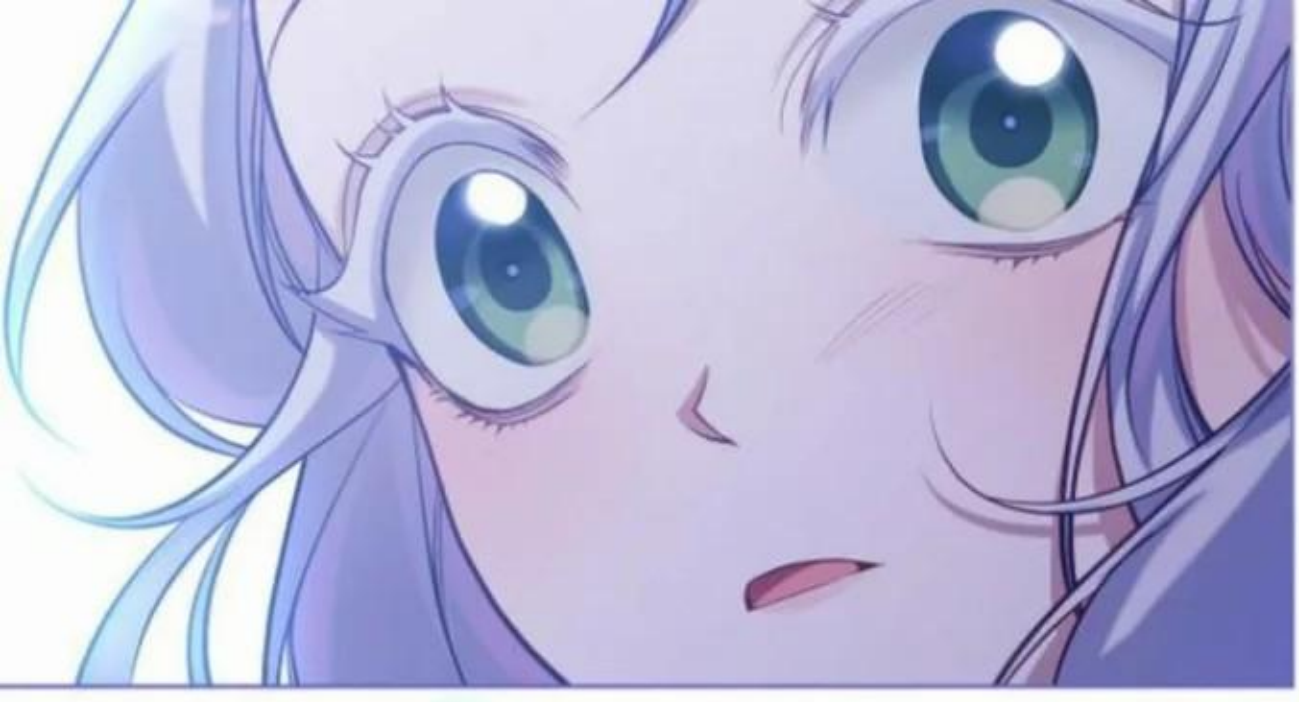
PANT...

WH-WHAT...

DID HE JUST CALL ME...?

PAUSE

WHIP



.....

CLACK

CLACK

CLACK

MAY I ASK
YOU A QUESTION,
COMMANDER?

WHIP—

OH, UM...

IF YOU
DON'T WANT TO
SPEAK TO ME,

THEN...

TUG

COULD WE...

SIGN INSTEAD?

.....

NOD...

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I UNDERSTAND.

STARE...

BY ANY CHANCE...

DID YOU LEAVE

A LETTER IN MY CHAMBERS?

GASP!

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"P.S.

IF YOU HAPPEN TO COME ACROSS THE COMMANDER, FEAR NOT.

YOU NEEDN'T BE CAUTIOUS OF HIM." HUH? WHAT...?

WHY DID
YOU DEFEND
IVAN?

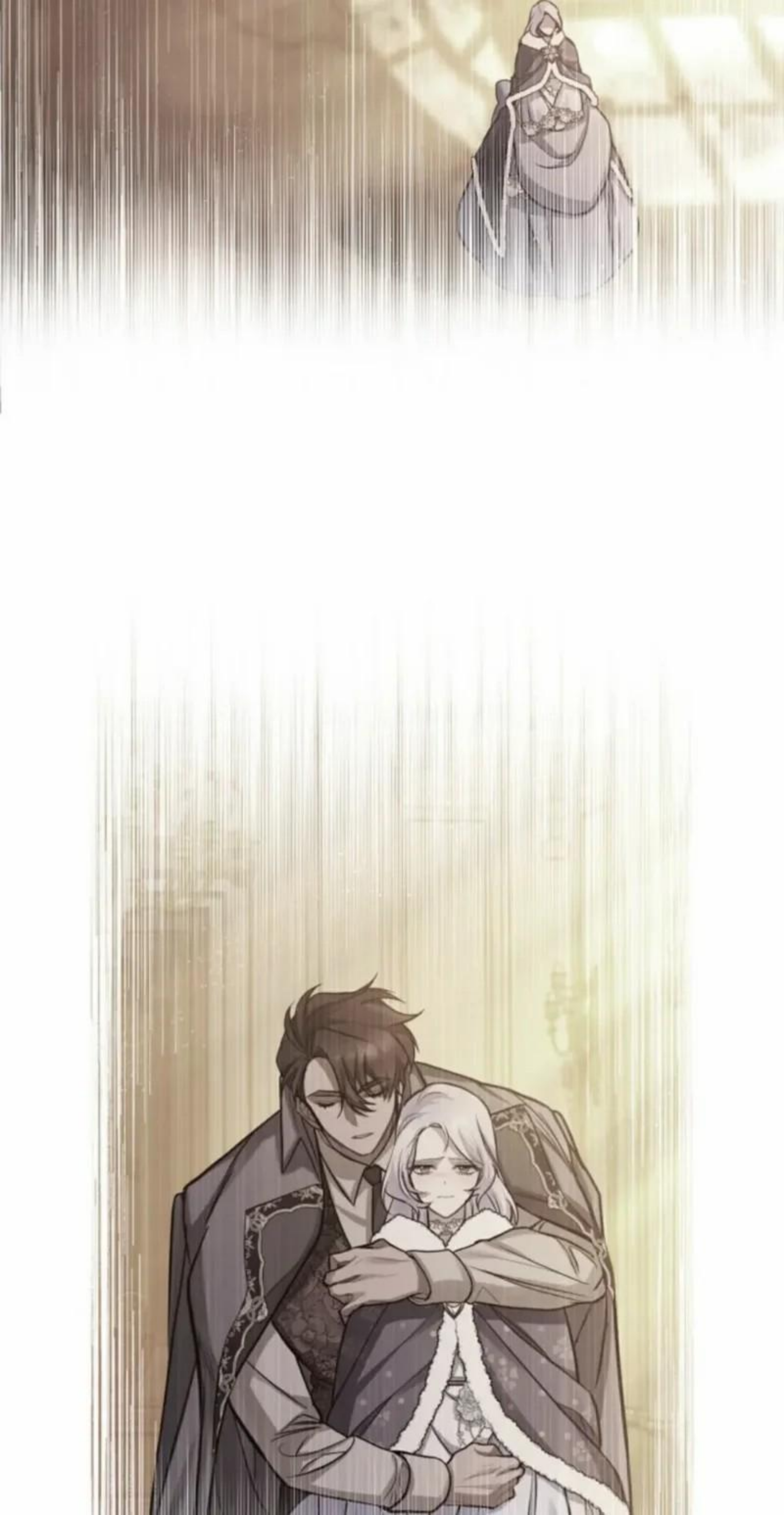
JUST TALKING
TO IVAN WAS MORE
THAN ENOUGH TO
MAKE HIM JEALOUS.

AND YET, HE'S
ASKING ME TO TRUST
A MAN I SOMEHOW KEEP
CROSSING PATHS WITH
YET HARDLY KNOW...?

KEEP CROSSING
PATHS WITH...

I...

I COULDN'T LET YOU JUST LEAVE LIKE THAT.



LILY.
MY DEAR WIFE...!

THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT.

THAT'S
HIS VOICE.

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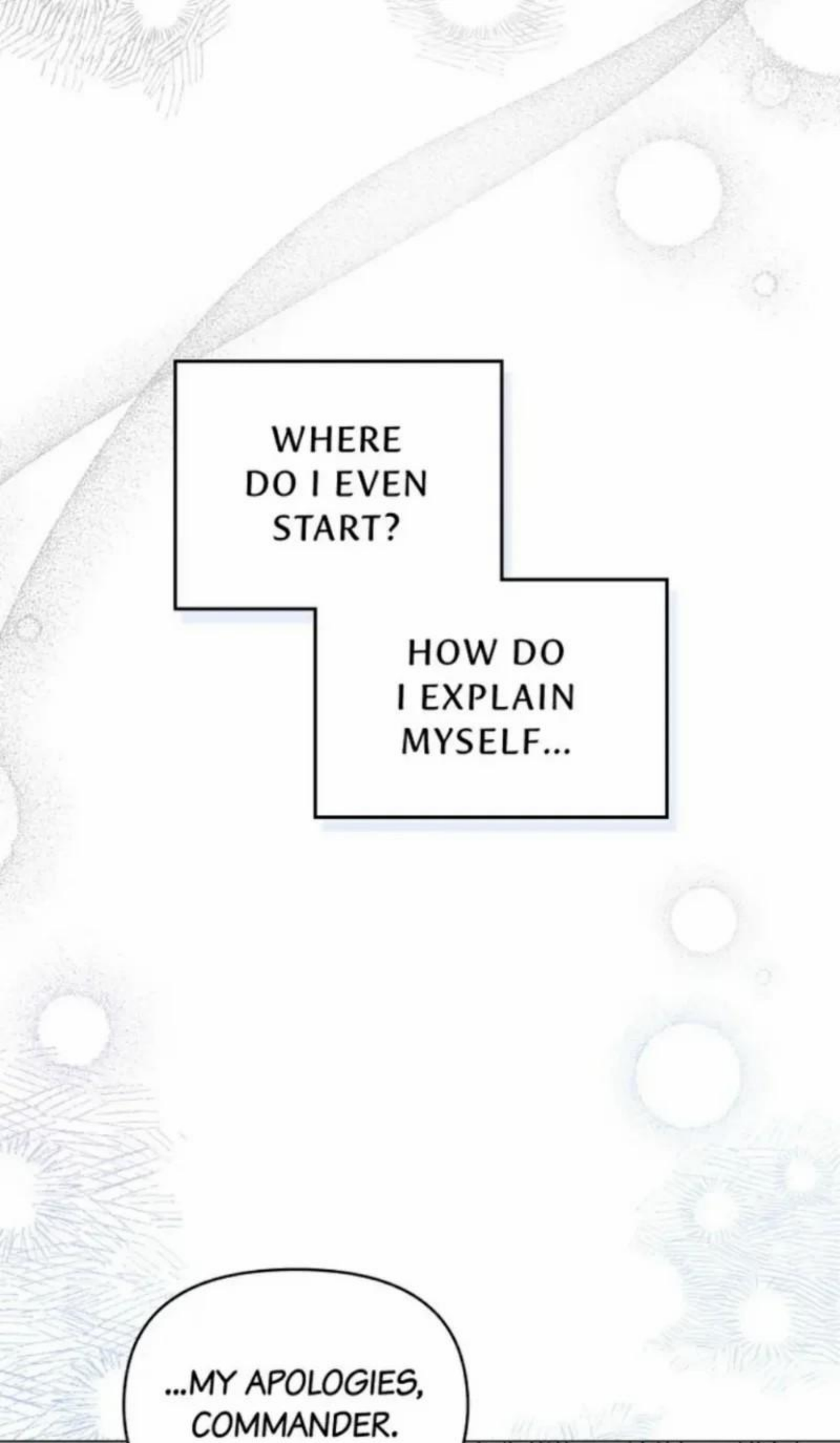
COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE... VLAD?

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP


WHERE DO I EVEN START?
HOW DO I EXPLAIN MYSELF...
...MY APOLOGIES, COMMANDER.

I JUST RECENTLY LEARNED THAT YOU'RE MARRIED, SO THE WAY YOU CALLED OUT TO ME...

I MUST'VE MISHEARD...
HAA... I FEEL LIKE A FOOL...

OF COURSE,

SHE WOULDN'T EVER BELIEVE THAT A MAN WITH A FACE LIKE THIS COULD POSSIBLY BE HER HUSBAND.

WOULD YOU PLEASE ESCORT ME TO THE CASTLE?

SIR TALLIN SAID HE'D BE OUT HERE WAITING, BUT I'M AFRAID I DON'T SEE HIM ANYWHERE.

GLANCE
I'LL HAVE TO PRETEND TO KNOW NOTHING UNTIL HE TELLS ME HIMSELF.

BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, WE'LL HAVE A LOT TO TALK ABOUT...

WHOOSH

COME TO THINK OF IT, SIR TALLIN HAS MY COAT.

I SHOULD'VE LISTENED TO HIM AND KEPT IT ON IN THE CHAPEL...

HM? AH,
THANK YOU.

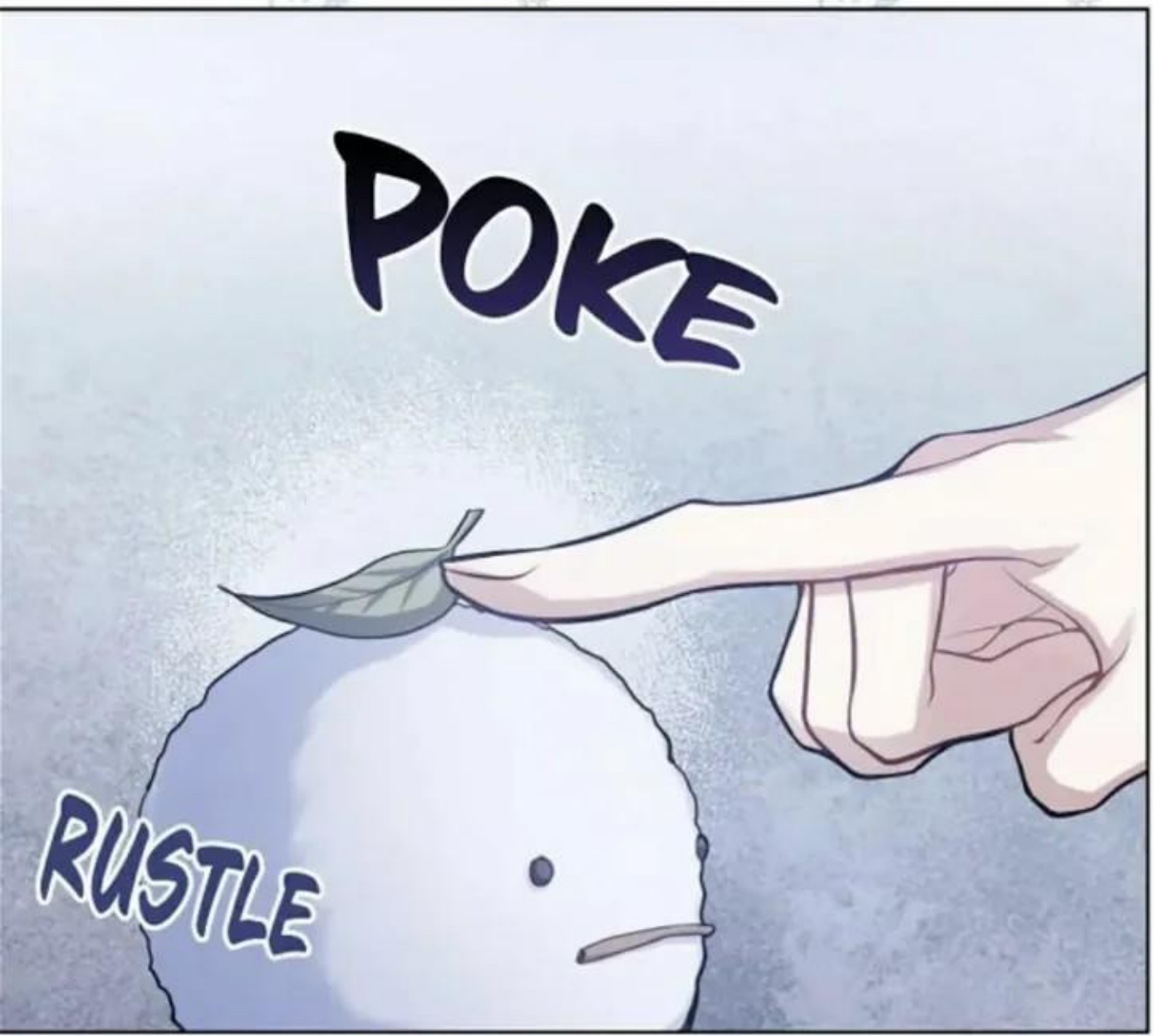
THE DUKE'S ORDERS, I PRESUME?

STING

.....

OH? A
SNOWMAN?

I'VE MADE PLENTY OF THESE WITH MY BROTHERS WHEN WE WERE YOUNG.



HOW CUTE.

GASP!

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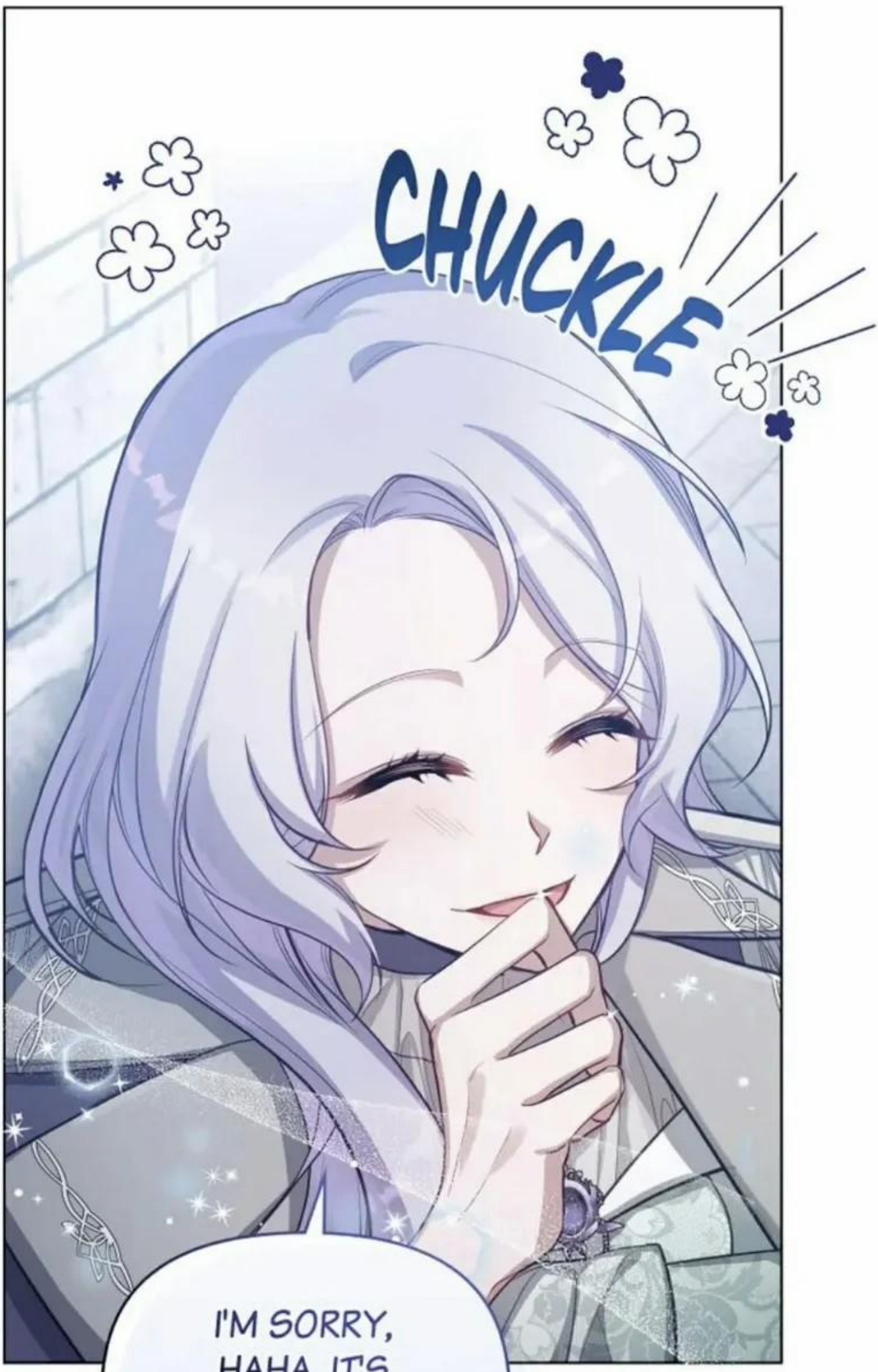

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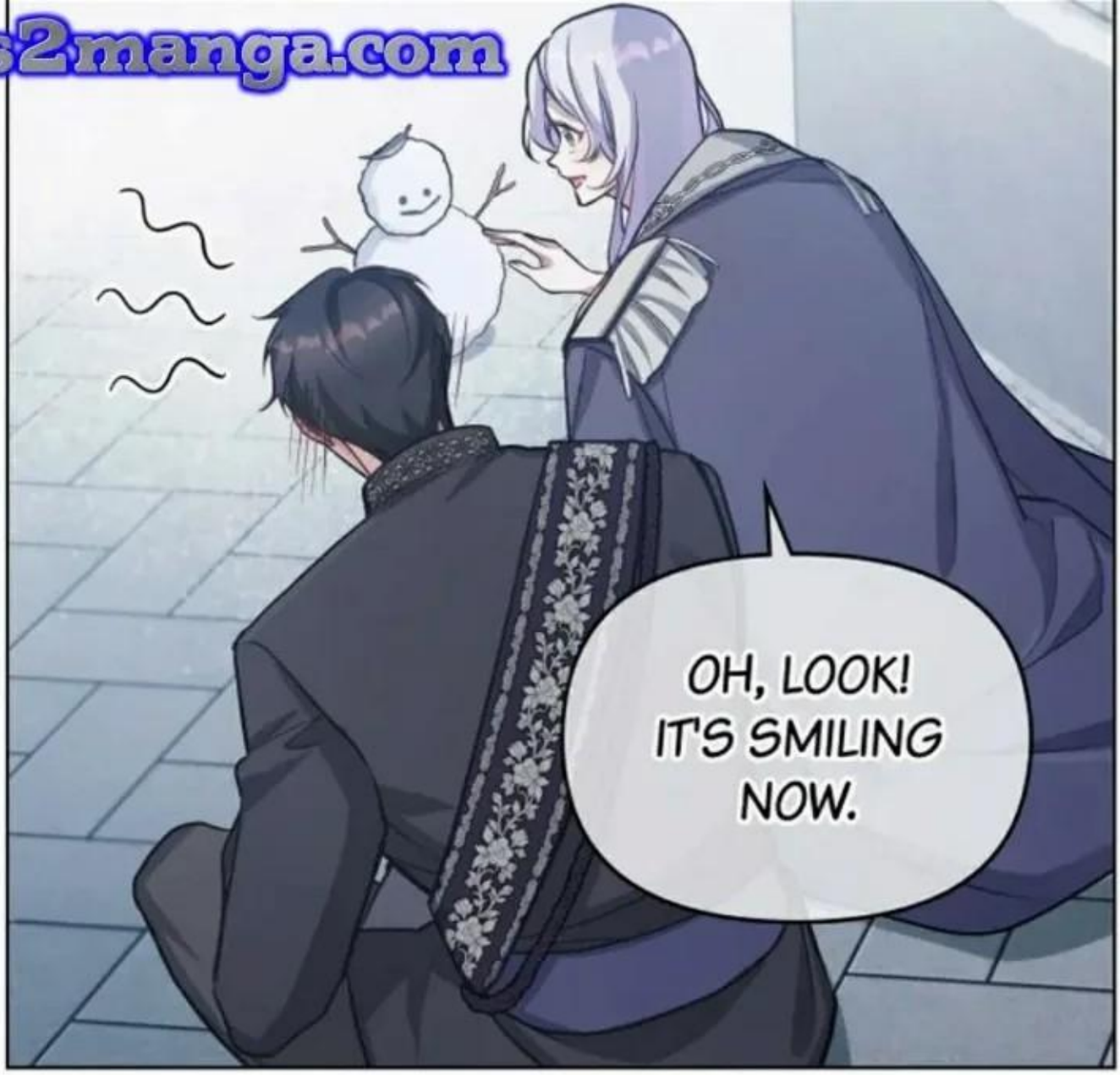

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I'LL KEEP OUR LITTLE ENCOUNTER WITH YOUR SNOWMAN HERE A SECRET BETWEEN US.

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WHISPER

THE DUKE WON'T BE PLEASED IF HE FINDS OUT.

AHEM...

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WHAT DO YOU THINK, MY LADY?

OH? I NEVER THOUGHT WE COULD COMMUNICATE LIKE THIS.

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REACH

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"IF YOU'RE BRAVE ENOUGH, THAT IS."

SMILE

(HIS BRAVERY'S NEVER BEEN QUESTIONED BEFORE.)

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IT SEEMS I CAN'T EVER WIN AGAINST HER.

WHEN WE MEET AGAIN, I PROMISE TO SIGN THE NEXT SENTENCE FOR YOU.

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I'LL PRACTICE HARD.

TAKE YOUR INDEX FINGER AND LEFT HAND...

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I ASK THAT
YOU TRUST ME
IN RETURN.

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THUMP

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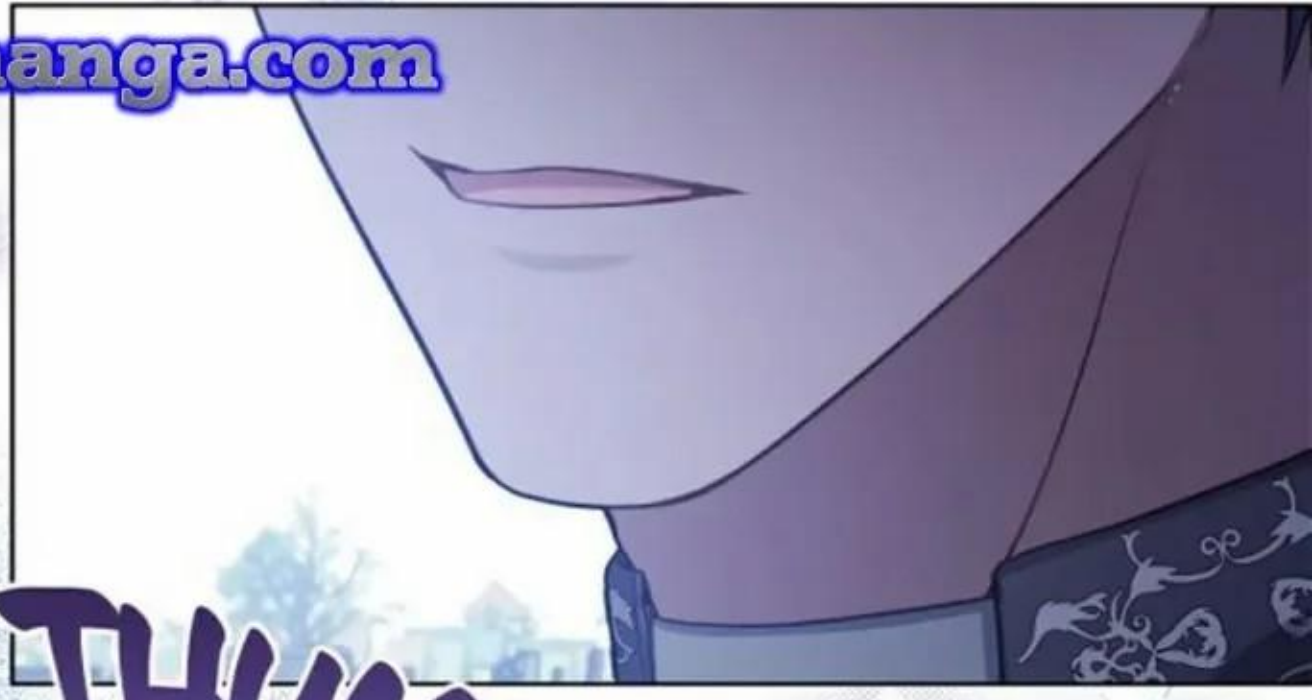

THUMP

THUMP

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THUMP

RISE

NOT HAVING TO BE CAUTIOUS OF ME

DIDN'T MEAN...

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THAT YOU SHOULD GAZE AT ME WITH SUCH A SWEET LOOK IN YOUR EYES.

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Y-YOUR GRACE?

GO PREPARE
A HOT BATH.

VLAD,
MY HAND...

AH, YOU'R

FWIP

LIKE TO SWITCH HANDS?

YOUR OTHER HAND MUST BE FROZEN.

BLUE

OH!

L-LET'S FINISH OUR CONVERSATION INSIDE!

DASH

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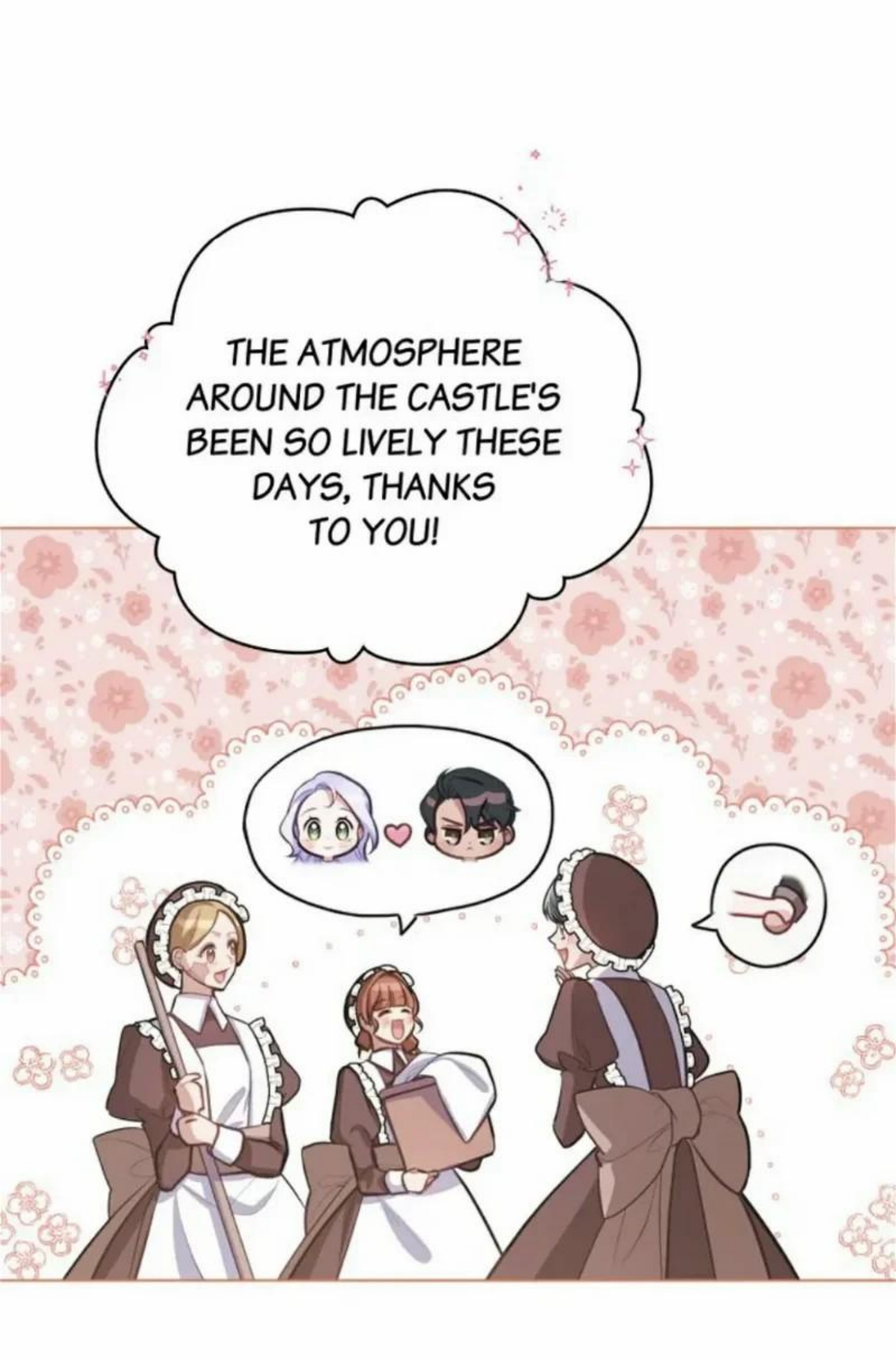
I NEVER KNEW THE DUKE HAD THAT SIDE TO HIM...

YOU'VE NO IDEA HOW SHOCKED WE WERE!


THE ATMOSPHERE AROUND THE CASTLE'S BEEN SO LIVELY THESE DAYS, THANKS TO YOU!

AND I LIKE
LIVING HERE
BECAUSE OF YOU,
BUTTERCUP.

I'VE NEVER
MET ANYONE LIKE
YOU BEFORE, MY
LADY.

WHERE DOES YOUR GENEROSITY COME FROM?

AND YOUR FAMILY'S AS WELL...

MY FAMILY?

DANDELION HASN'T GONE AND DONE SOMETHING WRONG, HAS HE?

IF YOU MEAN THE MAN WITH THE PONYTAIL,

THEN NOT AT ALL, MY LADY. NOTHING OF THE SORT. ALL HE DID WAS ASK A FEW QUESTIONS...

LIKE HOW MANY SERVANTS ARE IN THE CASTLE,

HOW MUCH WE EARN IN WAGES, IF WE LIKED THE WORK, AND SO ON.

OH, THAT MUST'VE BEEN TRISTAN.

BUT WHY WOULD HE HAVE HAD REASON TO BE IN THE SERVANTS' QUARTERS?

UM, WELL,
YOU SEE...

.....

WHISPER
!!!

...I MUST SEE TRISTAN.

TRISTAN!

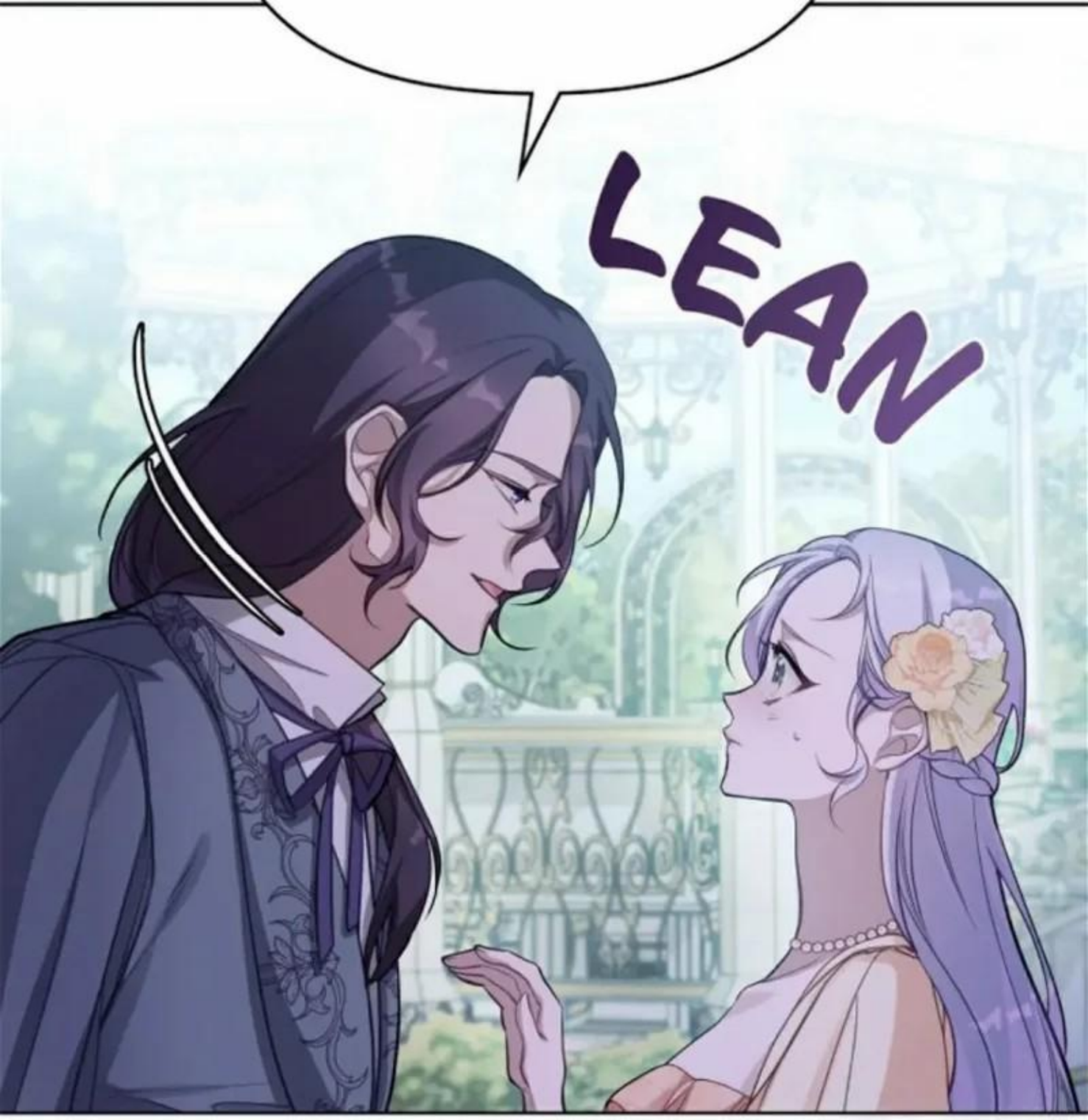
HERE YOU ARE!

WERE YOU UNLOADING THE SHIPMENTS FROM THE CAPITAL?

I CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE.

IT'S MY DUTY AS LADY OF THE HOUSE... SORRY ABOUT THAT.
WHISH

SO I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT. REST ASSURED, THESE SHIPMENTS ARE SAFE IN MY HANDS.


LEAN

EVEN SO, I...

TURN
GLANCE

LET'S TALK INSIDE.

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YOU SEEM...

DIFFERENT TODAY, TRISTAN.

IS THAT SO?

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I FEEL NO DIFFERENT THAN USUAL.

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YOU SEEM LIKE

YOU'RE IN PAIN!

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SHATTER...

IS SOMETHING AILING YOU?

SIGH...

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AREN'T YOU PERHAPS PUSHING YOURSELF TOO HARD?

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'VE BEEN LOSING SLEEP.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU—

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TRISTAN...
THERE'S SOMETHING
I NEED TO TALK TO
YOU ABOUT...

.....

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YOU... YOU SAW YOUR HUSBAND'S FACE?

YES...

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SO THERE'S NO REASON FOR MY FATHER TO CONTINUE WORRYING.

ANYHOW... THERE'S SOMETHING MORE PRESSING WE NEED TO DISCUSS, TRISTAN...

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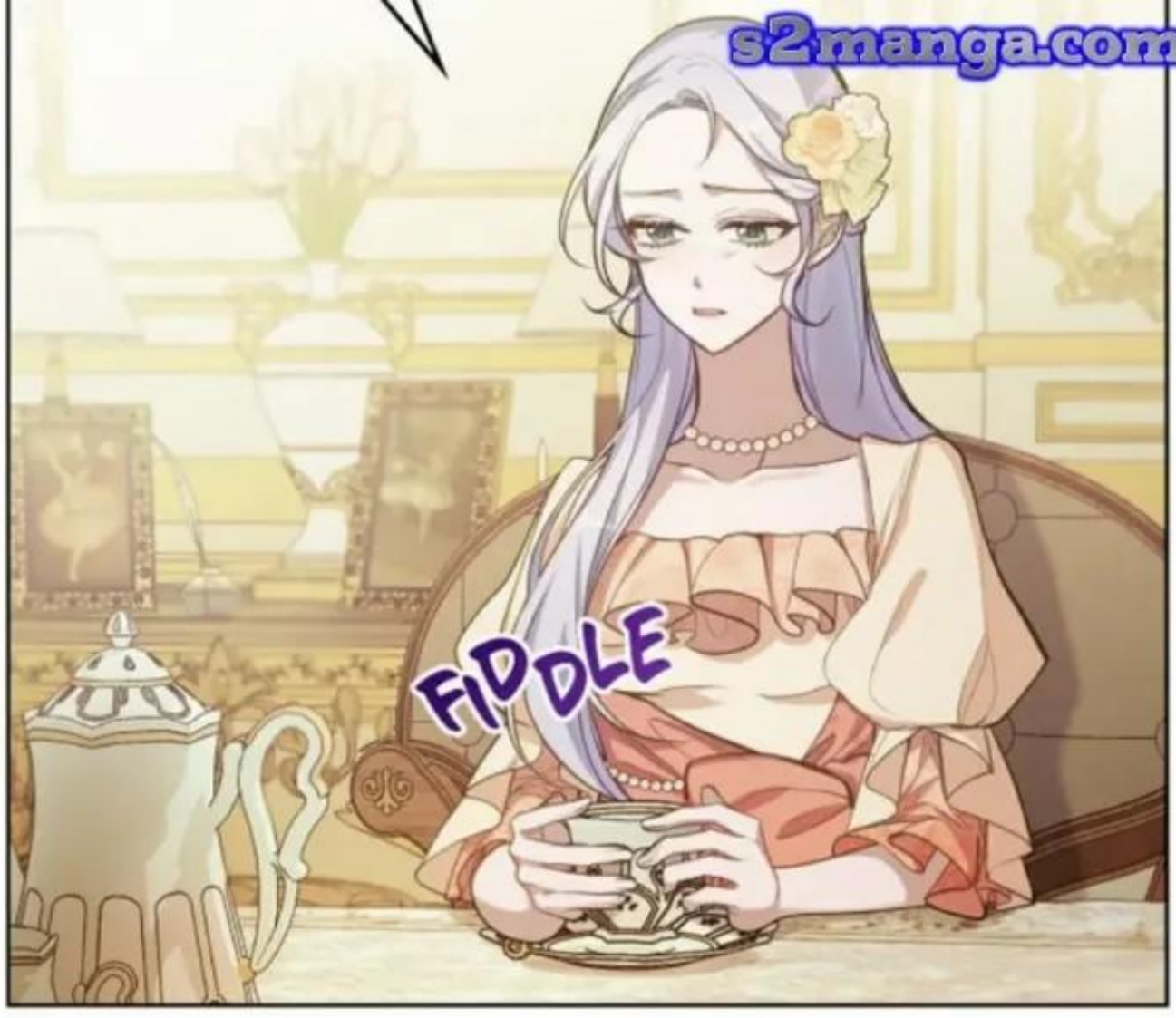

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AS IT STANDS,
LILY'S JUST LIKE ALL
THOSE COURTESANS
YOU MANAGE.

FLINCH

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SO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO ISSUES WITH HER BEARING CHILDREN BEFORE YOU RETURN.

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LILY, DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU'RE ALREADY—

DID YOU GO TO THE SERVANTS' QUARTERS?

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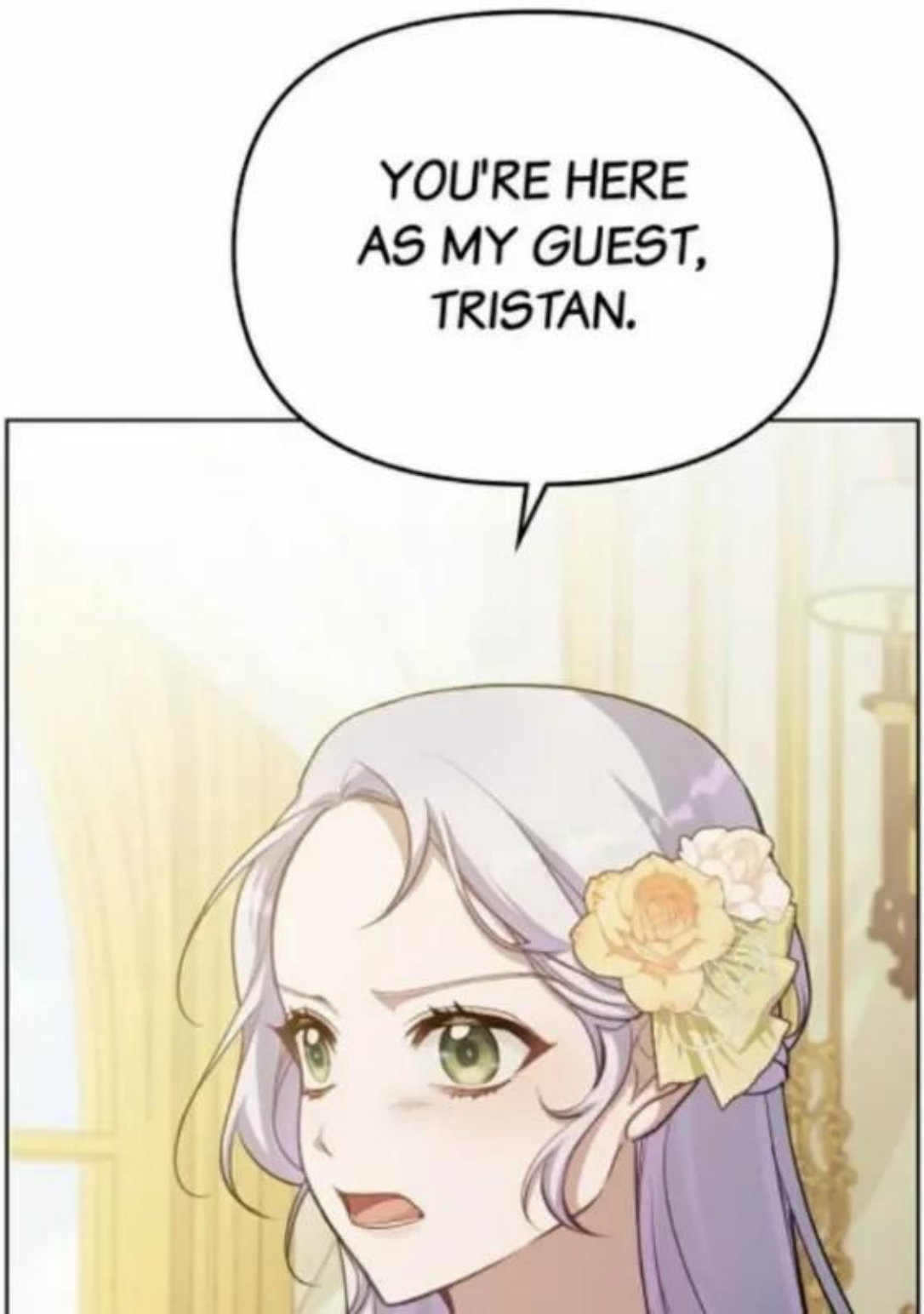

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SO PLEASE,
TREAT MY PEOPLE
WITH RESPECT.

SLAM!

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BUT, LILY...
YOU'RE TOO NAIVE.
YOU KNOW NOTHING
OF WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE.

YOU HAVEN'T
THE FAINTEST
IDEA OF HOW YOUR

HUSBAND REALLY THINKS OF YOU.

STEP

STEP

COLLECTED s2manga.com

I SIMPLY CONFIRMED THAT DURING MY TALK WITH THE SERVANTS.

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...WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "COLLECTED"?

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REACH

UNTIL NOW,
YOUR HUSBAND
HAS HIDDEN HIS FACE
FROM YOU.

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DIDN'T THAT EVER ONCE STRIKE YOU AS STRANGE?

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STEP

STEP

A FEW MINUTES
EARLIER

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STEP

WELCOME BACK,
YOUR GRACE.

BOW

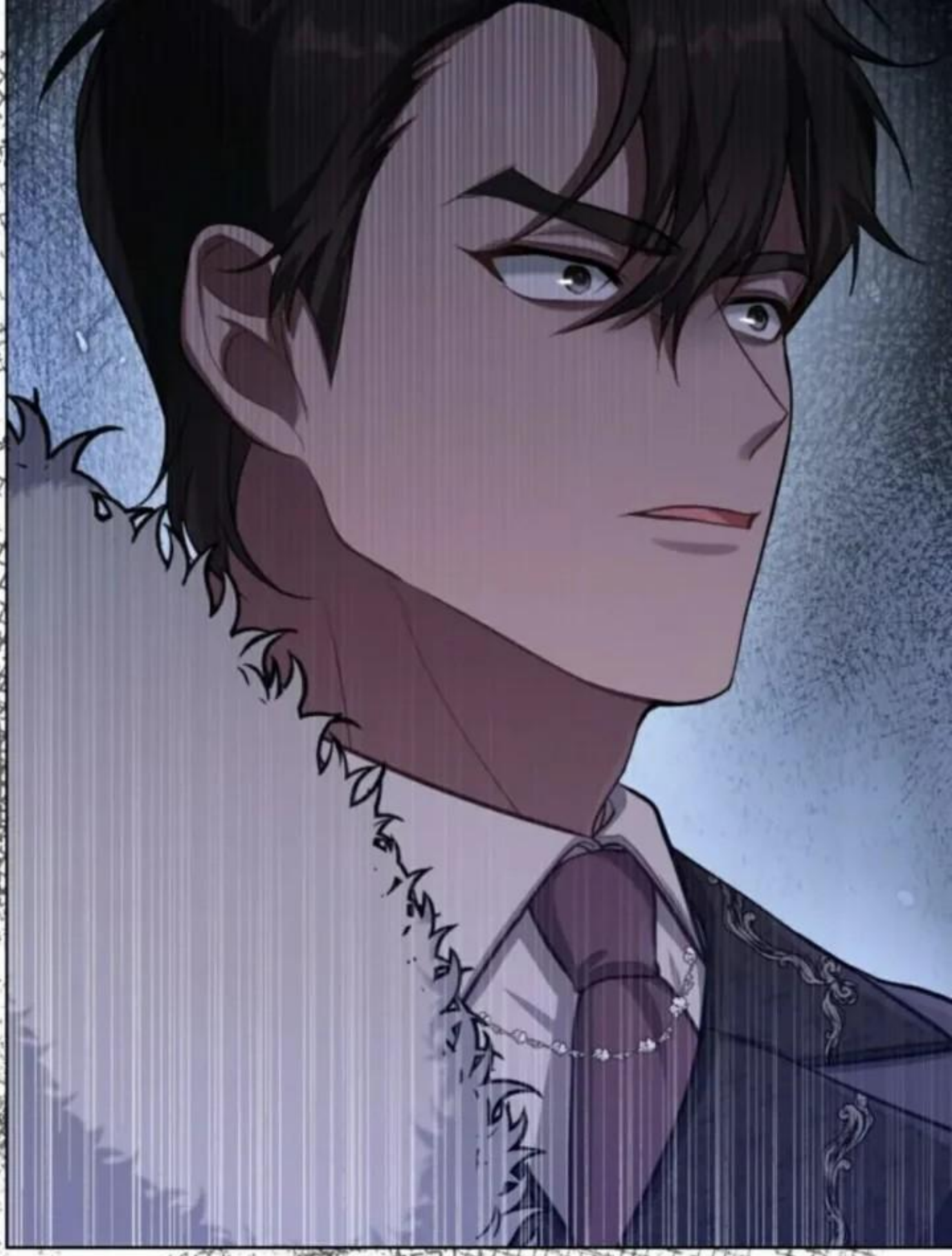
WHERE'S LILY?

SHE'S INSIDE TALKING TO HER... FRIEND.

FRIEND?

CREAK

THUD!



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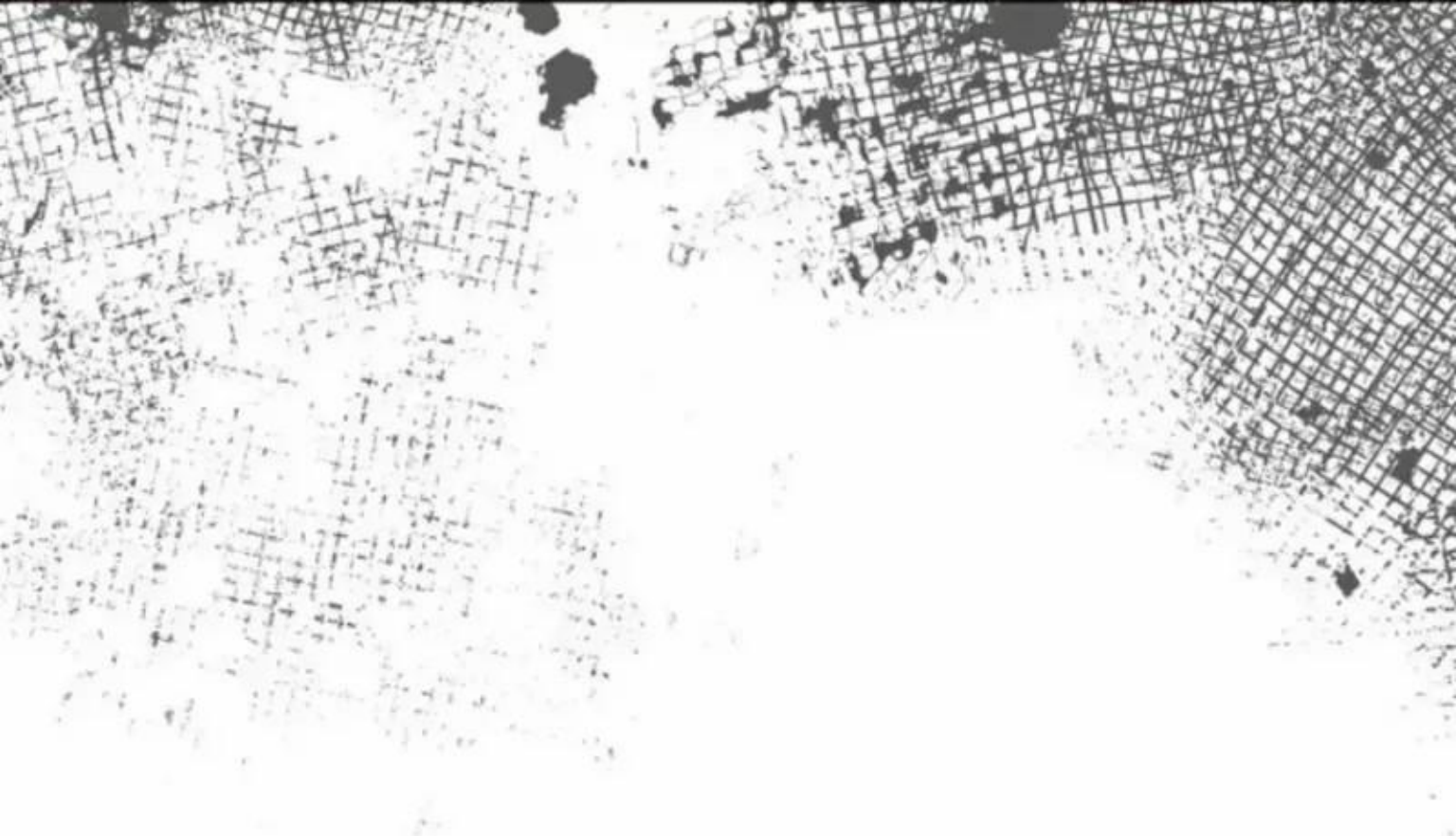

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BECAUSE YOU'RE A CURSED WOMAN WHO TENDS TO BRING DEATH UPON YOUR HUSBANDS.

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AND JUST LIKE YOU, ALL THOSE THAT ROAM THIS CASTLE...

GAZE...

THEY'RE ALL PEOPLE THE WORLD HAS ABANDONED TOO.

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IF THE DUKE
TRULY THOUGHT OF
YOU AS A PROPER

WIFE,

HE'D NEVER HAVE LET THOSE *THINGS* SERVE YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE.

SO, YOU SEE, YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER OBJECT OF INTEREST — ANOTHER CURSED HUMAN — THAT'S BEEN ADDED TO HIS COLLECTION.

I KNOW.

...WHAT?

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT... PERHAPS I REALLY AM CURSED.

BUT STILL, DON'T YOU THINK I'M LIVING A DECENT LIFE FOR SOMEONE WHO IS?

I...

I APPRECIATE THE CONCERN...

TREMBLE...

BUT,
TRISTAN...

I DIDN'T
THINK *YOU* VIEWED
ME IN SUCH A
WAY.

DUN-

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PLEASE, LILY.
THAT'S NOT THE
POINT.

KNEEL...

I'M NOT THE ONE TO BLAME HERE.

STEP

STEP

IF ANYTHING, YOU SHOULD BLAME THE MAN WHO HAS THE DISGUSTING BLOOD OF A MONSTER FLOWING THROUGH HIM.

NO. IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME WHETHER HE'S A DEMON, A BEAST, OR A MONSTER.

THE WAY I SEE IT... HE'S A BETTER PERSON

THAN YOU ARE.

APOLOGIZE TO HIM, TRISTAN.

HA!

YOU MUST REALLY ENJOY BEING A DUCHESS, LILY.

WHOOSH—

WONDER HOW LONG THAT'LL LAST...

WHO'S TO SAY
THAT THE DUKE WON'T
GROW TIRED OF YOU
AND FIND ANOTHER
WOMAN, HM?

YOU'VE BEEN WED THREE TIMES NOW,

BUT IT'S ME WHO'S COMFORTED YOU THROUGH EACH OF YOUR MARRIAGES.

...DOES YOUR HUSBAND KNOW, LILY?

GLANCE

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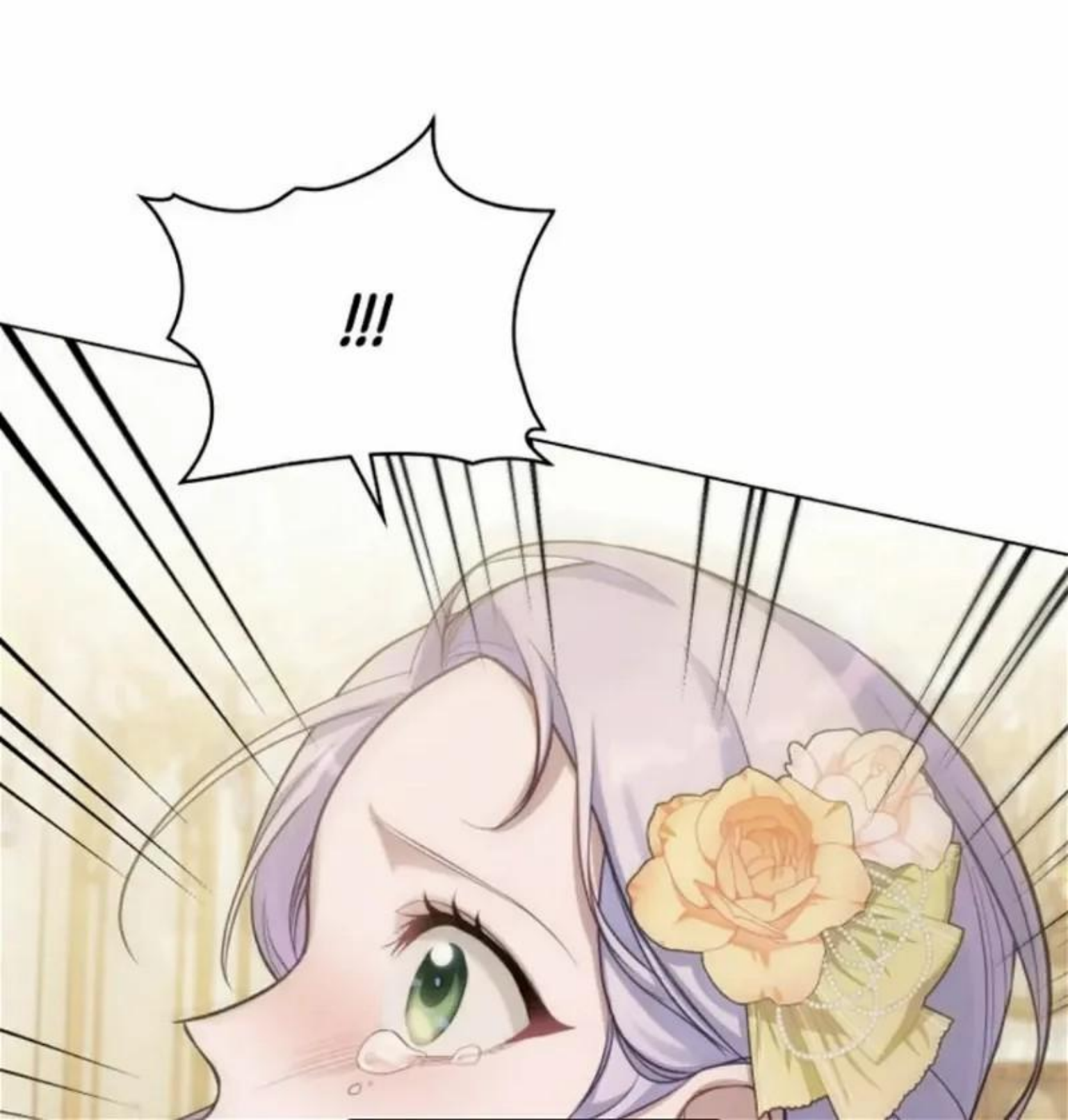
DOES HE KNOW
HOW MUCH YOU
DREADED YOUR MARRIAGE
TO HIM? HM?



VLAD...!

GRAB!

IF YOU'RE A
MAN OF SOUND
JUDGMENT...

CRACK

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THEN IT SHOULDN'T MATTER WHETHER SOMEONE'S A DUCHESS, A COMMONER,

A FAMILY MEMBER, OR A FRIEND.

CRUNCH...

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YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT IT'S UNACCEPTABLE TO COERCE ANYONE THE WAY YOU HAVE.

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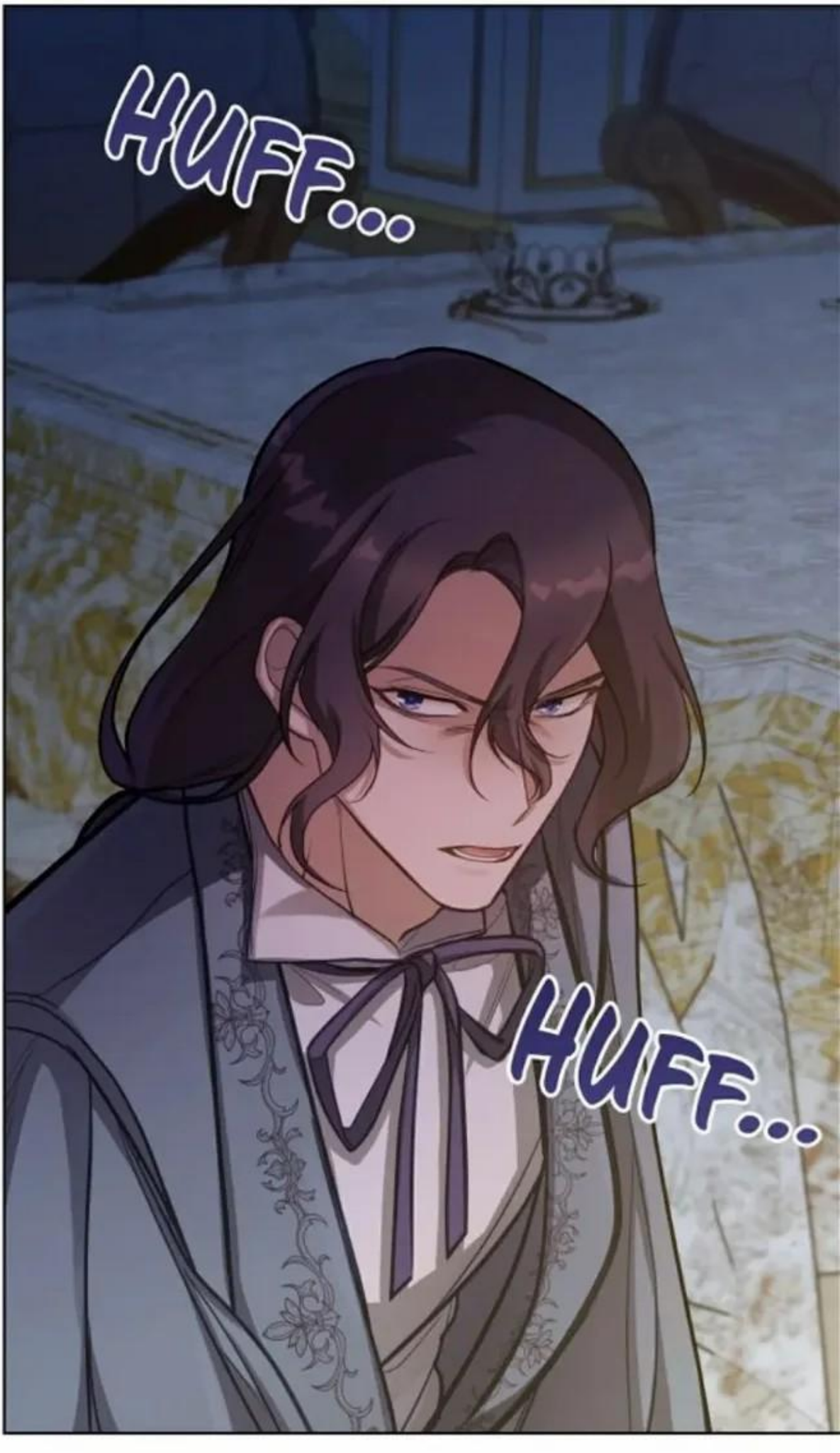

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ARE YOU AFRAID?

DO YOU FEAR THE PRESENCE OF A *MONSTER*?

...TALLIN. TAKE THIS MAN TO THE DUNGEONS.

STEP!

YES,
YOUR GRACE.

HIS CHARGES INCLUDE ASSAILING THE LADY OF THE HOUSE...

AND...

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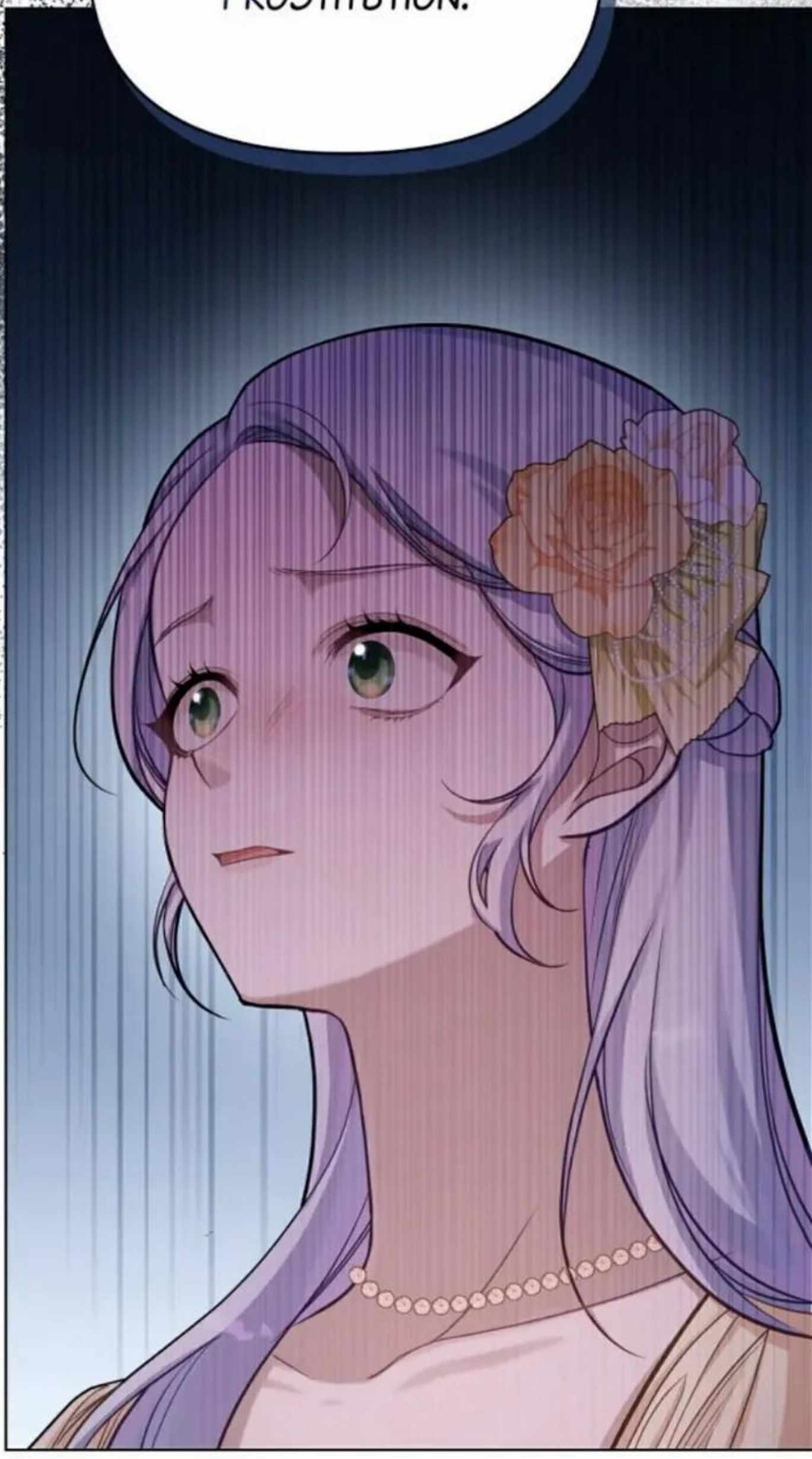
FORCING THE MAIDS
OF THIS CASTLE INTO

PROSTITUTION.



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YOU'RE NO FOOL, LILY. DON'T BE SWAYED BY HIS WORDS.

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VLAD...
I'M SO SORRY...

I HAD MY SUSPICIONS, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D ACTUALLY—

IT'D BE WISE FOR YOU TO JUST REST TODAY, LILY.

I'LL HAVE BUTTERCUP KEEP YOU COMPANY.

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WE CAN
TALK LATER...

AFTER YOU'VE

HAD SOME TIME TO CALM DOWN.

STROKE...

WHAT ABOUT YOU, VLAD? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'M FINE, LILY,

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.....

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I THINK I KNOW WHY

YOU DEFENDED ME IN FRONT OF YOUR FRIEND...

LILY, YOU'VE DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH, PLAYING THE PART OF MY WIFE...

SO THERE'S
NO NEED TO WORRY
ABOUT ME.

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!

VLAD!

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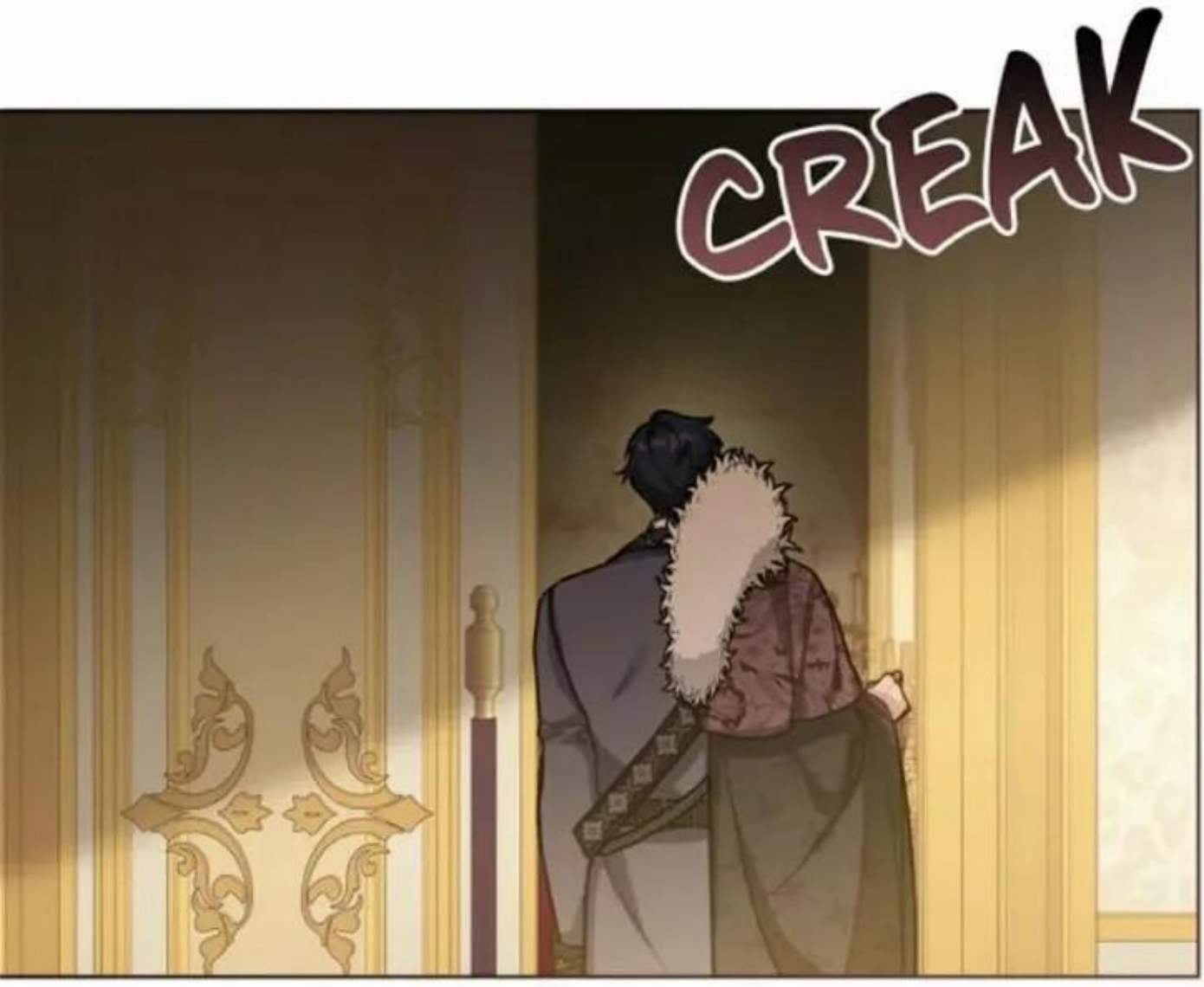

THUD_

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HAA... YOUR GRACE...

RATHER THAN INCREASE THE NUMBER OF GUARDS, YOU SHOULD RECONCILE WITH THE LADY...!

CLACK
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, SIR TALLIN?

SHE HARDLY TOUCHED HER FOOD AGAIN...

I'M AFRAID SHE'S GOING TO COLLAPSE AT THIS RATE!

HMM...

KNOCK

KNOCK

MY LADY?
IT'S TALLIN.

WHAT DO YOU
SAY TO A STROLL
DOWN THE CORRIDOR
WITH ME?

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WHEW...

IS THERE SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU, MY LADY?

OH...

ACHE...
WELL, IT'S ABOUT
VLAD... I JUST DON'T

KNOW WHAT TO MAKE
OF HIM.

HE'S BEEN AVOIDING ME FOR DAYS...

WHILE I NO LONGER HAVE TO COVER MY EYES,

AND HE NO LONGER
ATTEMPTS TO HIDE
HIS FACE,

STEP

STEP

STEP

WHOOSH

!!!

I FEEL LIKE HE'S
PUT UP A WALL
BETWEEN US.

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BUT THERE'S ONE THING I CAN SAY WITH ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY.

AND THAT IS?

WELL, THAT HE'S AN UNCONVENTIONAL MAN WHO DISREGARDS SOCIAL NORMS.

BUT I SAY THAT IN A GOOD WAY.

IN ARCADIA, MEN WHO ASSAULT WOMEN OR FORCE THEM INTO PROSTITUTION

ARE PUT TO DEATH.

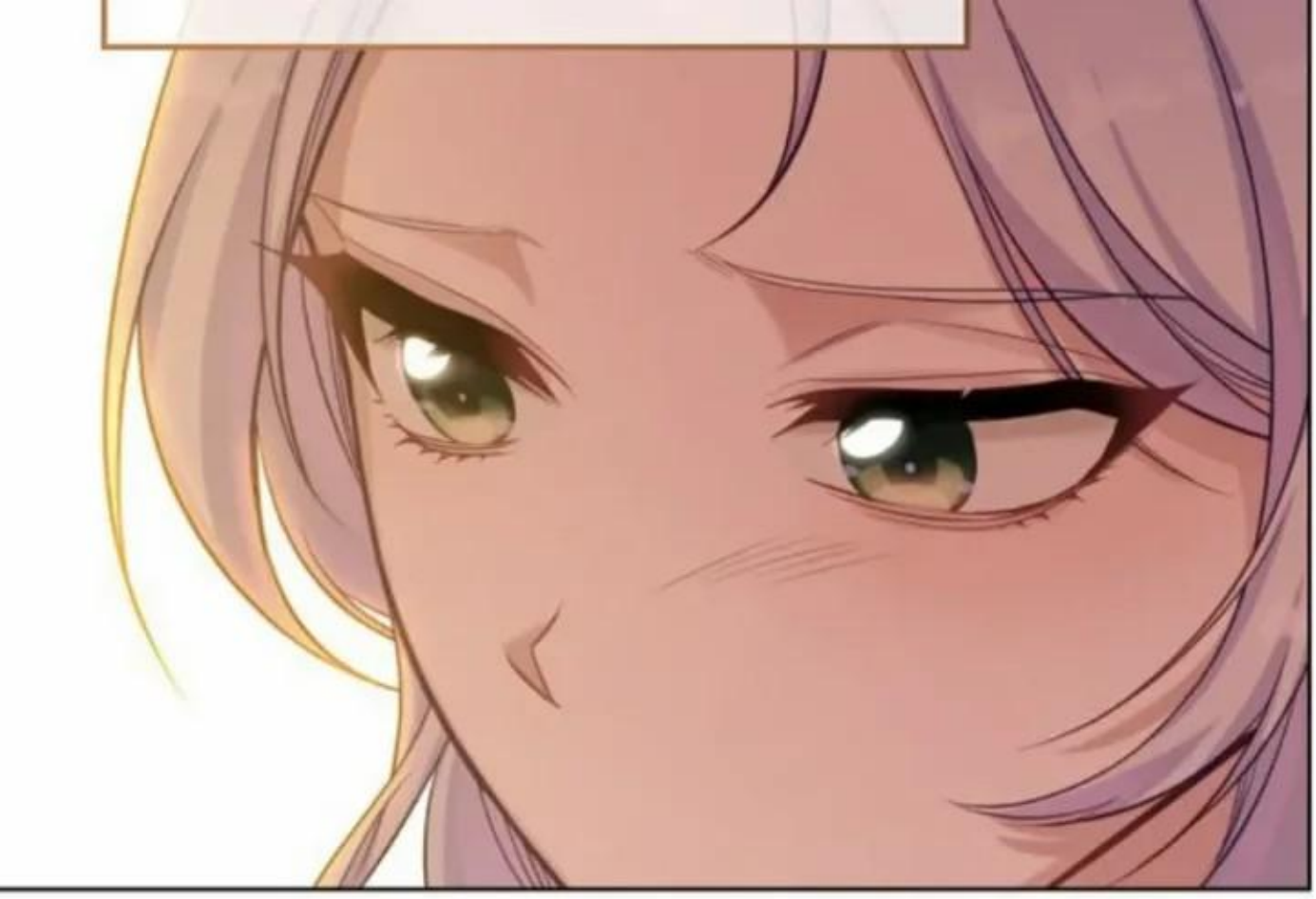
USUALLY,
THE DUKE BEHEADS
THE OFFENDER HIMSELF,
THEN HANGS THE HEAD
ON THE WALL OF...

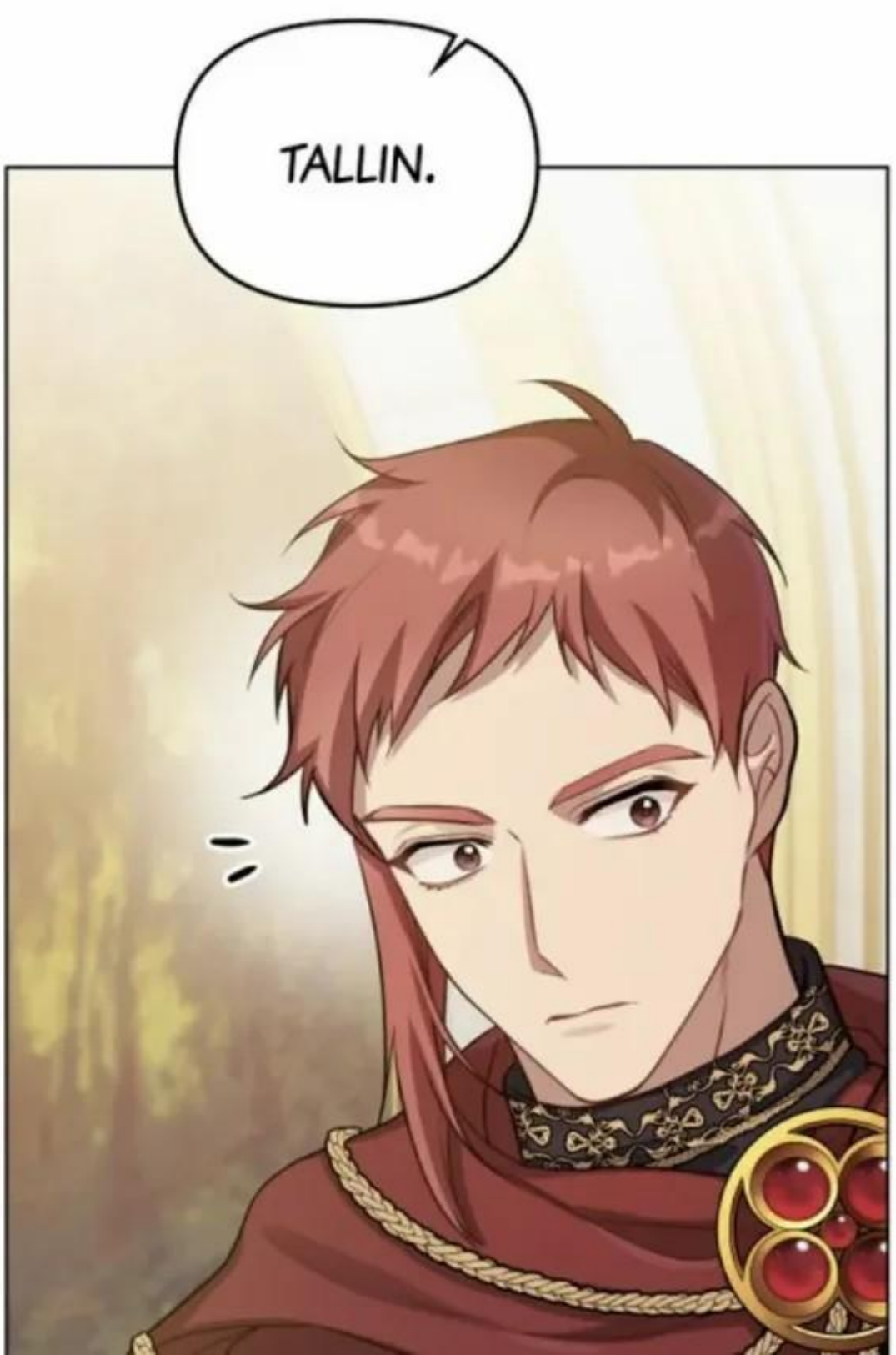
AH!

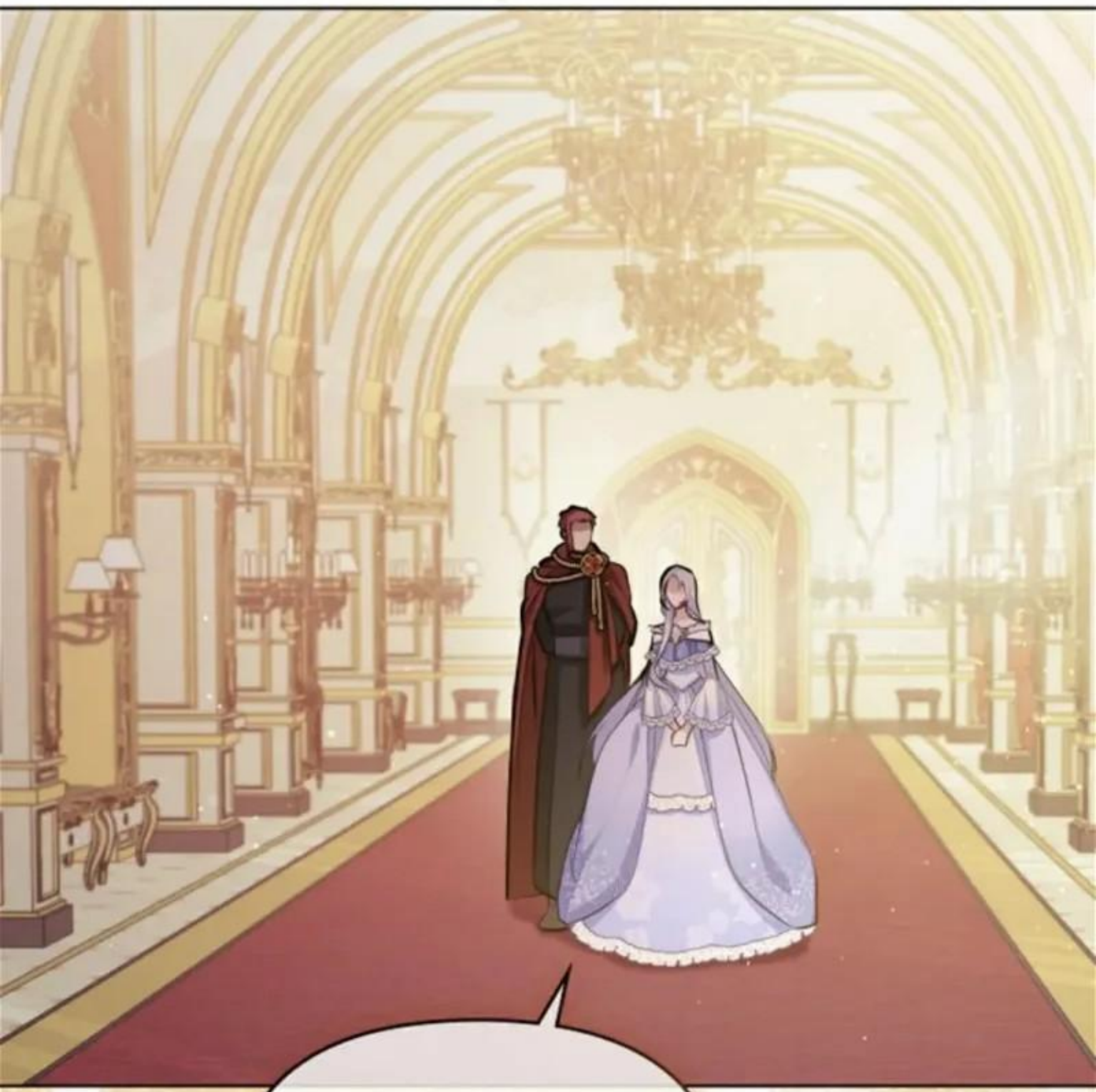
BUT YOUR
FRIEND WILL BE
PUT ON TRIAL
FIRST.

I KNOW TRISTAN DIDN'T MEAN TO GET THE MAIDS INVOLVED.

I'M SURE HE WAS JUST SENT TO WATCH OVER ME IN MY NANNY'S PLACE.




TALLIN.


COULD YOU
TAKE ME TO SEE
VLAD?

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ABSOLUTELY NOT.

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TRISTAN HOLDS
A PROMINENT POSITION
WITHIN THE MERCHANT
GUILD. WE COULD USE THAT
LEVERAGE TO DEMAND FAIR
COMPENSATION.

FOR STARTERS,
THE JEWELRY
DISTRIBUTION—

TENSE

AND WHY SHOULD I EVEN CONSIDER THAT?

STUNNED

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YOU DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO TELL ME

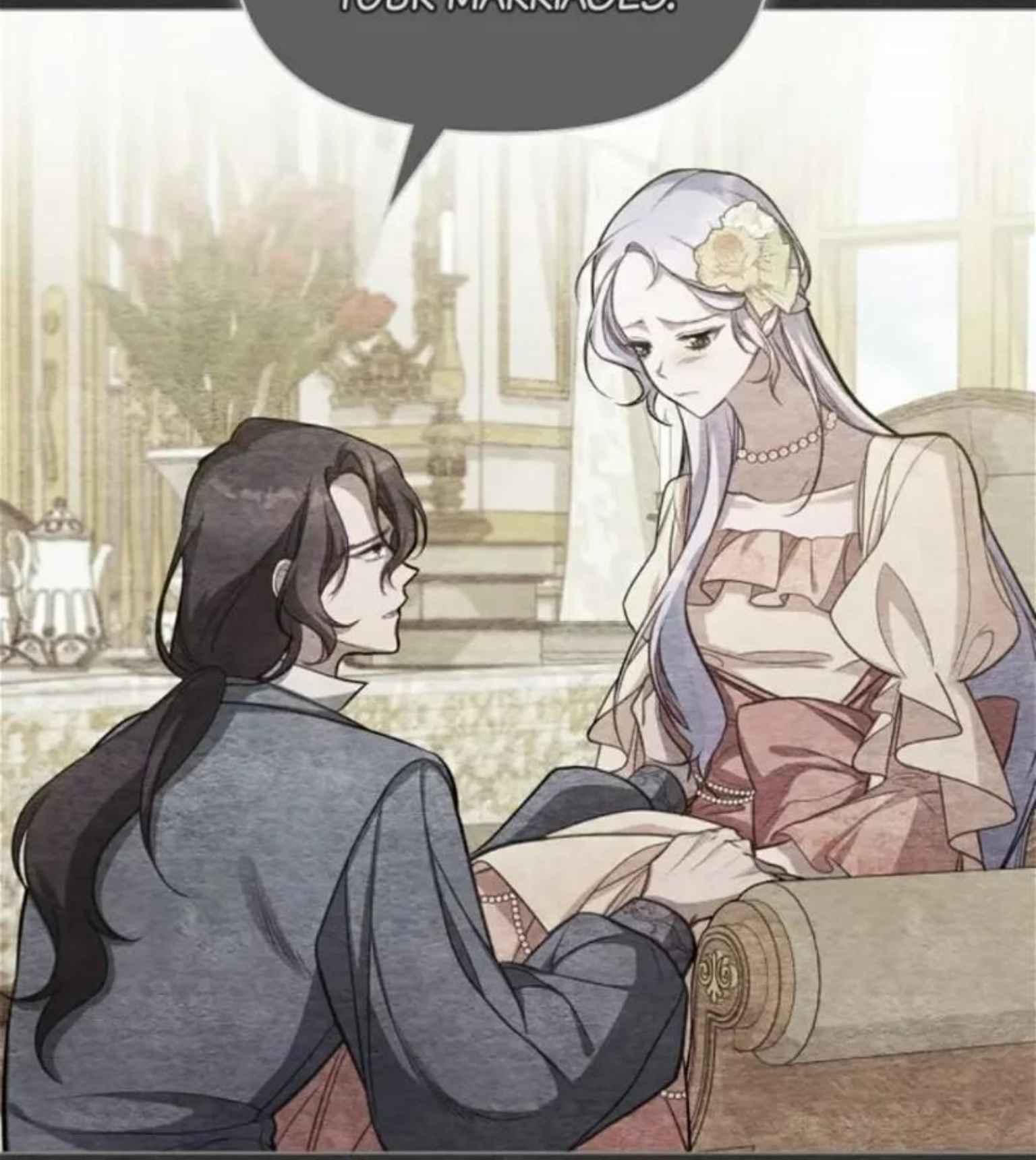
THAT YOU WANT TO SAVE HIM.

TRISTAN...

HE WAS THE FIRST NAME YOU CALLED WHEN YOU WERE SICK AND DELIRIOUS...

YOU'VE BEEN WED THREE TIMES NOW,

BUT IT'S ME WHO'S COMFORTED YOU THROUGH EACH OF YOUR MARRIAGES.



AND IT SEEMS YOUR HISTORY WITH HIM RUNS DEEP.

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RAGING JEALOUSY,
RESORTING TO
DIRTY TRICKS...

AS IT STANDS,
I'M NO DIFFERENT
FROM THAT MAN.

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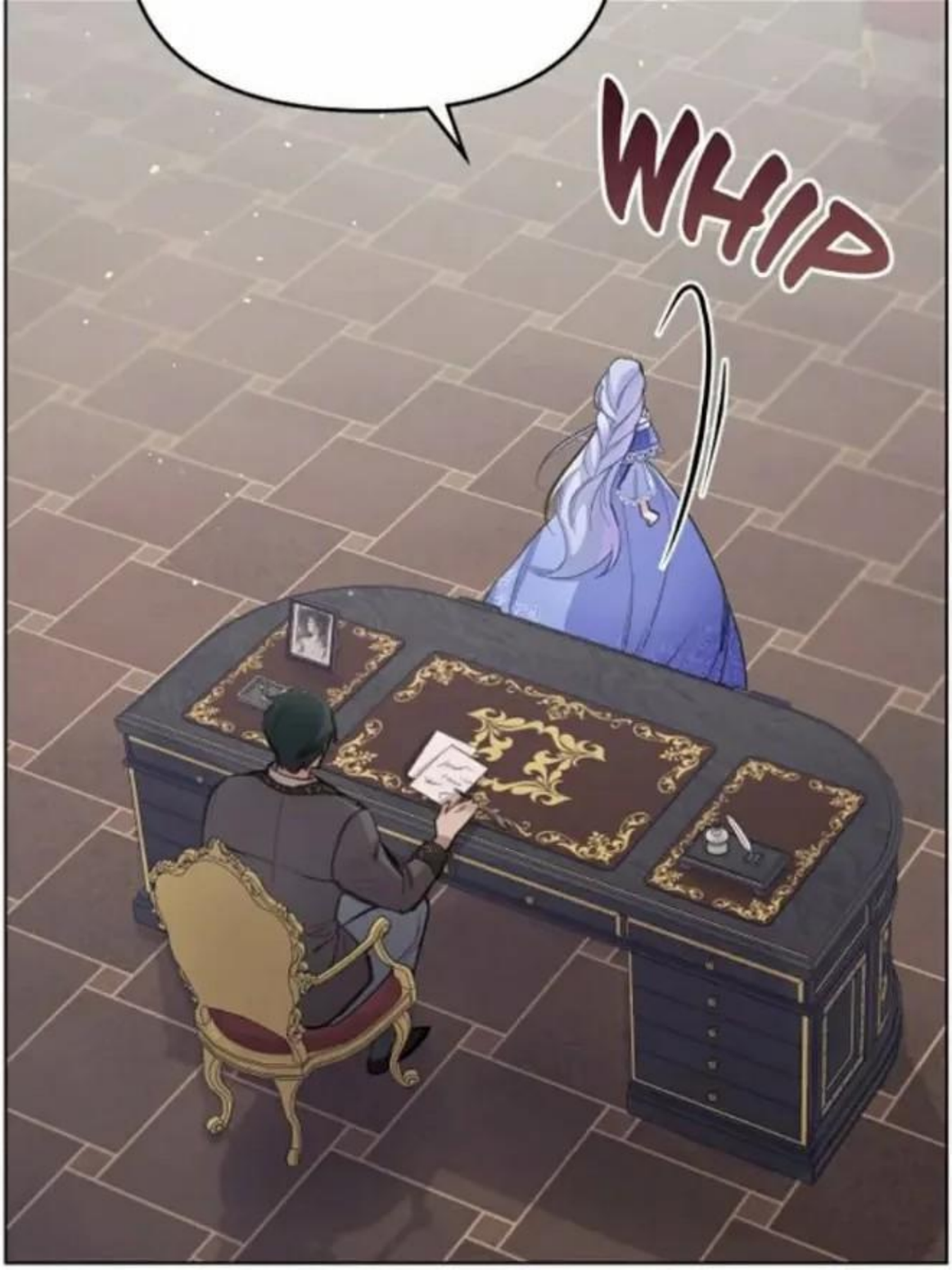
...IT APPEARS MY VISIT WAS FOR NAUGHT.

I'M SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR WORK.


WHIP

UPSET

I THOUGHT HE'D BE DIFFERENT...

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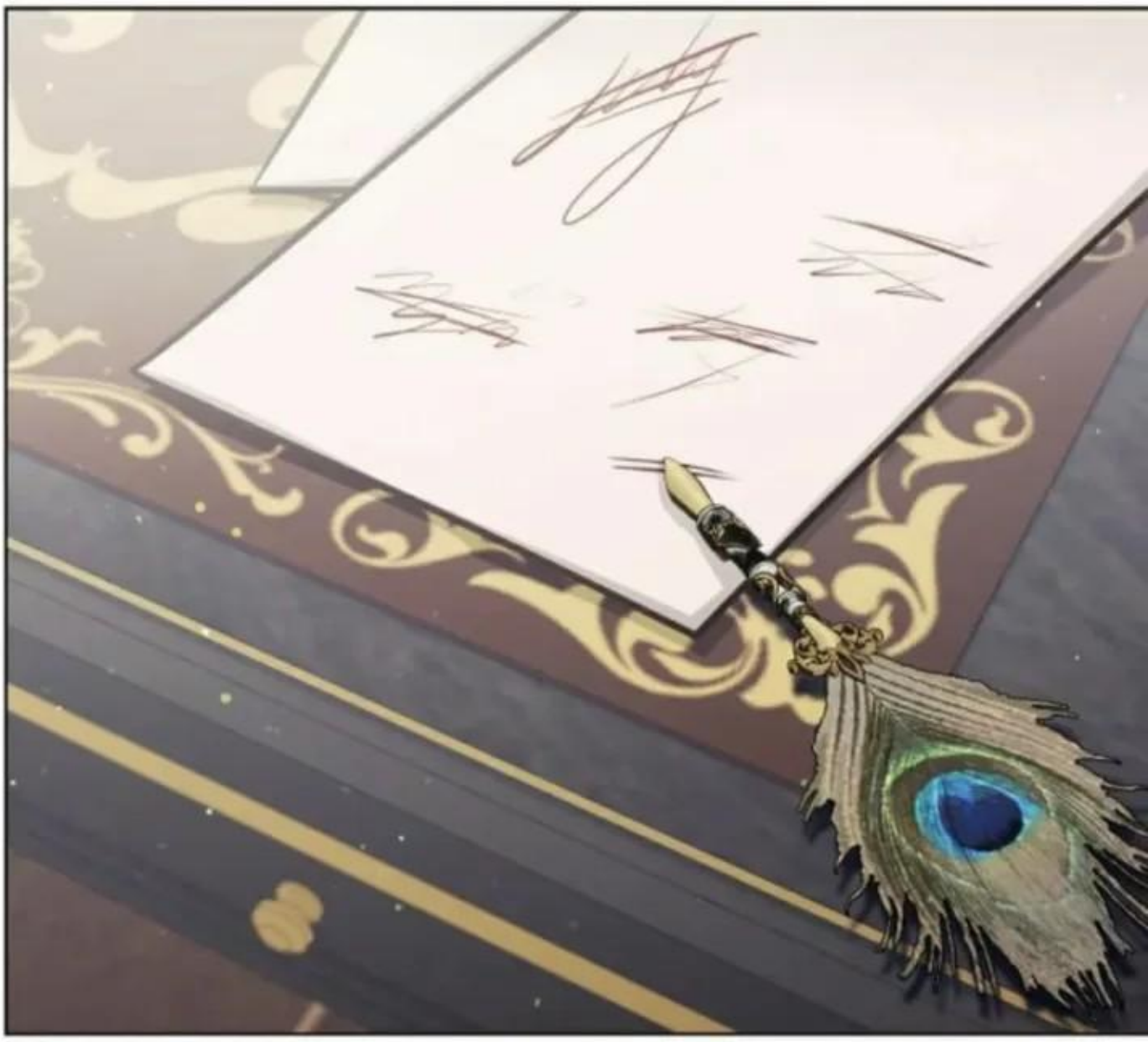
STEP

STEP

I FEEL LIKE...

I'M TURNING INTO A FOOL.



AND IT'S
ALL BECAUSE
OF YOU.

HUG

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BUT
ODDLY ENOUGH,
I DON'T FIND THAT
TO BE A BAD THING
AT ALL.

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HOWEVER...
THAT PERSON
YOU ONCE CALLED
A FRIEND...

PLEASE DON'T
SAY HIS NAME
IN SUCH A SWEET
TONE...

AFTER ALL...
IT TOOK YOU
SOME TIME

TO EVEN CALL
ME BY MY NAME...
DID IT NOT?

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VLAD...

I'M AFRAID THAT WAS BECAUSE...

I STILL DON'T QUITE KNOW WHO YOU ARE YET.

BUT...

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I'D LIKE
TO LEARN
MORE.

THAT'S HOW I CURRENTLY FEEL.

I'M SORRY...

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YOU'D LIKE
TO KNOW MORE
ABOUT ME?

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THEN IF THAT'S YOUR WISH,

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I'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW.

EVERYTHING.

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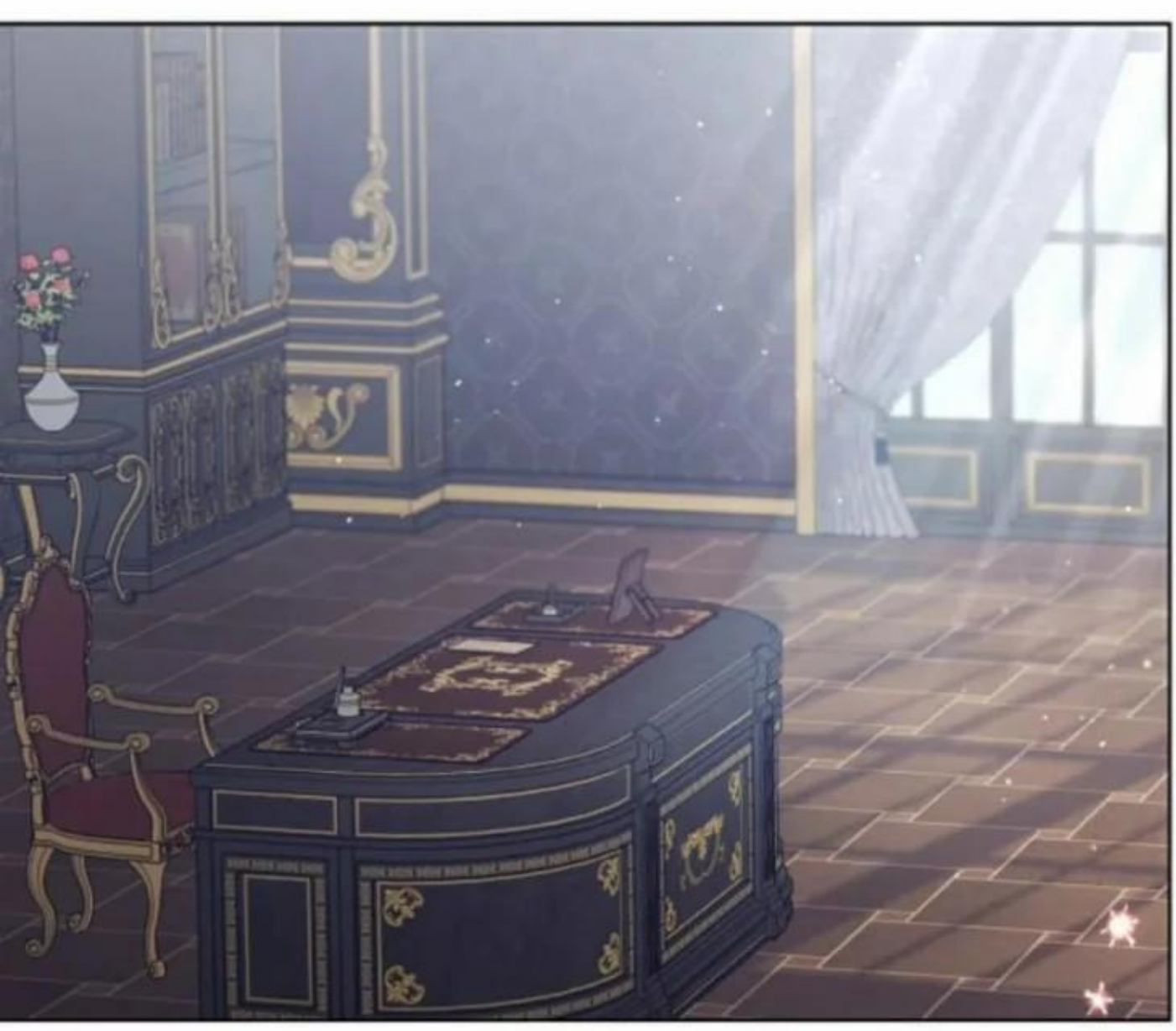

KISS

KISS

KISS

W-WAIT...

NOT HERE
AT LEAST.

WHAT IF
SOMEONE...

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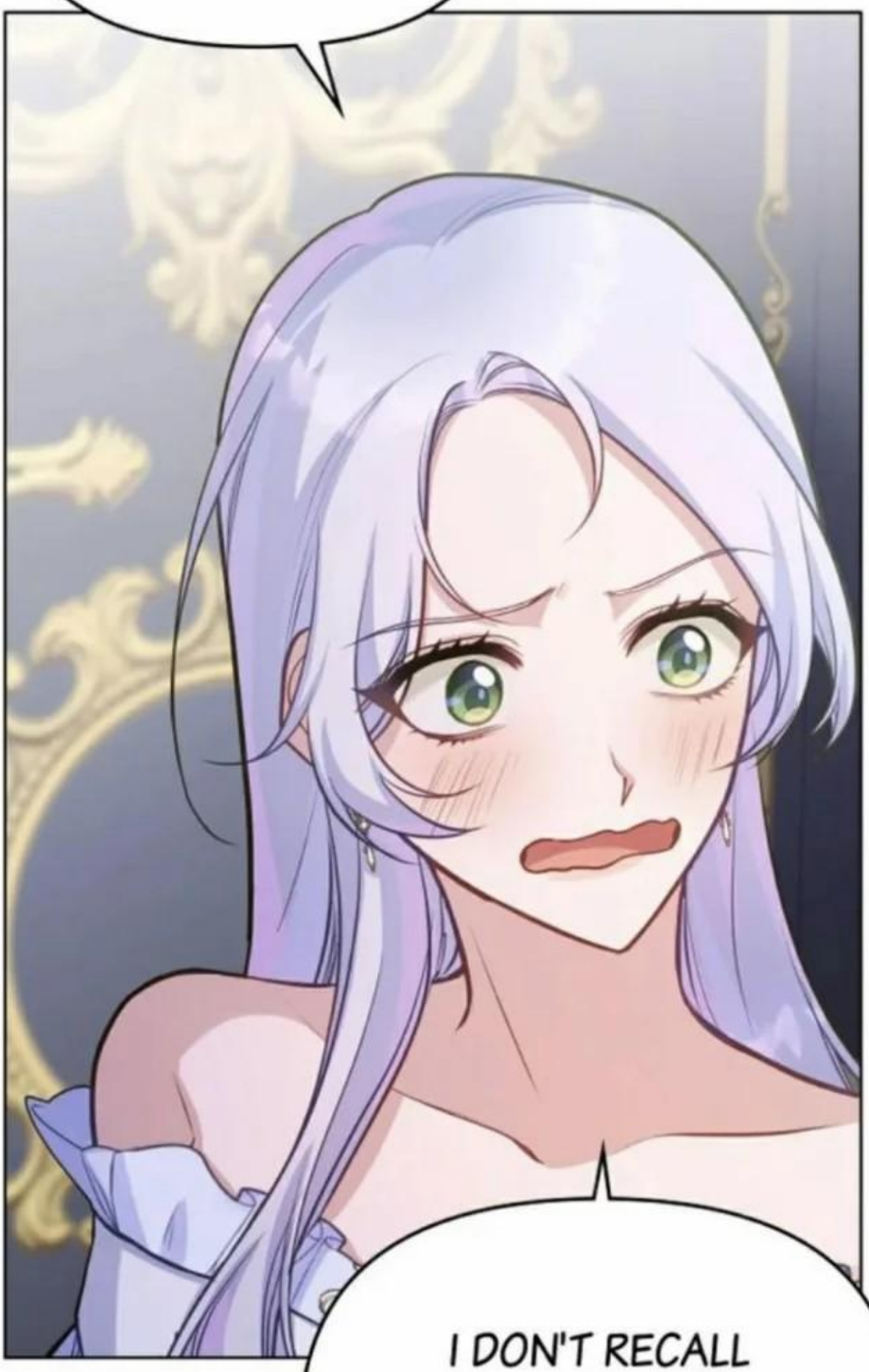
OR IS THIS
YOUR WAY OF ASKING
ME TO OPEN THE
DOOR, HM?

STARTLED

GRAB!

N-NO!
ABSOLUTELY
NOT!

BUT, WAIT... WHAT DID YOU MEAN JUST NOW...?



I DON'T RECALL US EVER DOING SOMETHING IN HERE BEFORE...

I SUPPOSE YOU WOULDN'T.

AFTER ALL, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'RE *SEEING* THIS ROOM.

ARE...

ARE YOU
SAYING...

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IF SO...

TH-THAT WAS ALL ON YOU.

PUSH...

GLANCE

RIGHT, BUT THIS TIME...

YOU CAN'T PUT ALL THE BLAME ON ME.

CLUTCH

CLICK!
FLINCH!
HAHA

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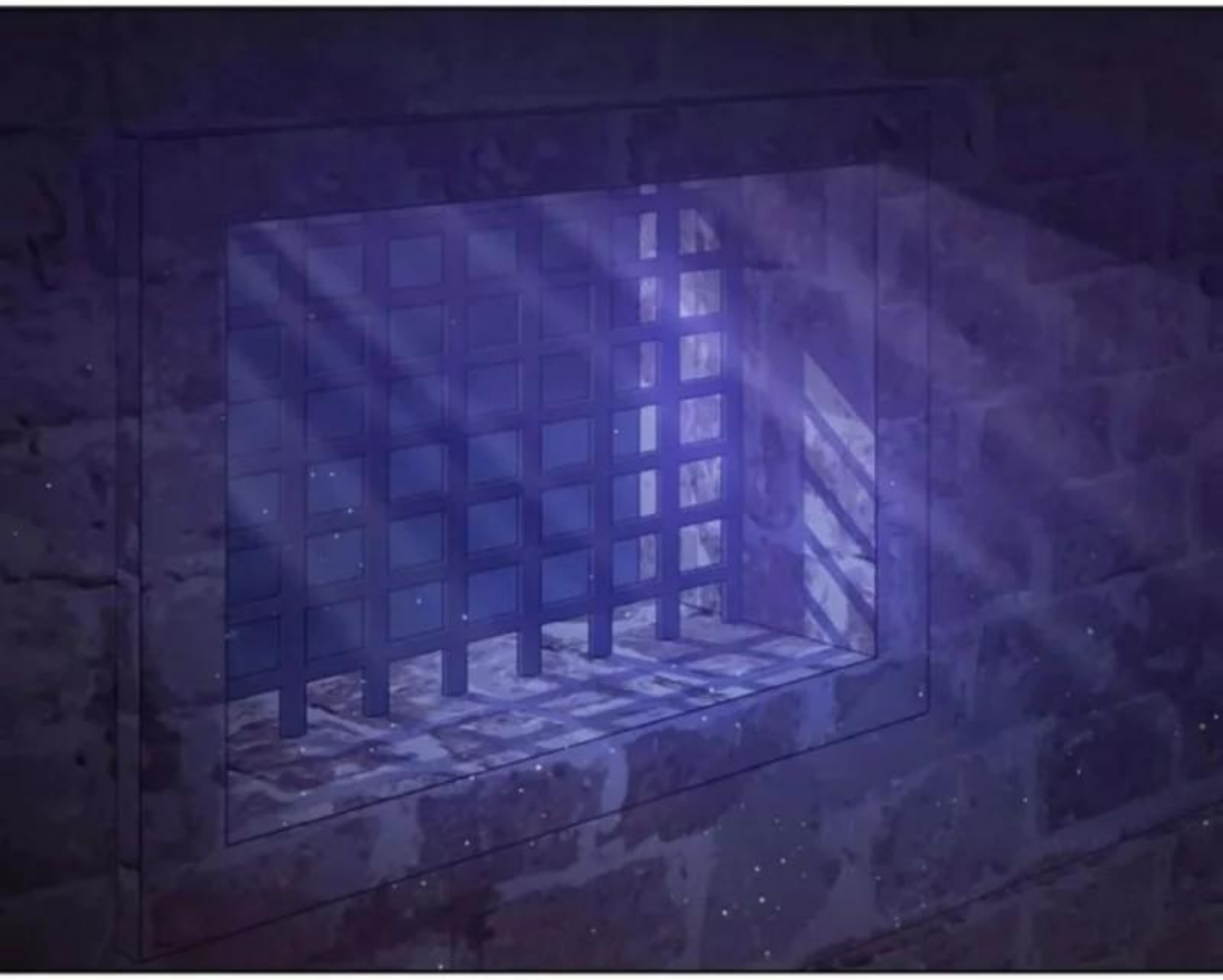

SO THAT'S
WHAT HE LOOKS
LIKE, HUH?

WHEW...

NO WONDER...
OF COURSE EVEN LILY WOULD FALL FOR A FACE LIKE THAT...

...WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

HEY, WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE? IS THAT ANY WAY TO TREAT A VISITOR?

POUT

DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG?

THE DUKE'S ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEVEL THAN THOSE SCUMBAGS MY SISTER MARRIED IN THE PAST.

STEP

STEP

HE'S HANDSOME AND WELL-MANNERED.

AND WHERE ELSE CAN YOU FIND A

MAN AS NOBLE
AS HIM?

I KNOW HIS GAZE
IS NATURALLY PRETTY
INTENSE, BUT IT'S ALMOST
UNBEARABLE TODAY...

WHISPER

WHISPER

RIGHT? AND
GUESS WHAT?
APPARENTLY, SOME PIMP
CAME ALONG IN THE ISLES
FAMILY'S CARRIAGE.

IF I WERE LILY,
I WOULD'VE—
DO YOU
WISH TO JOIN
HIM?

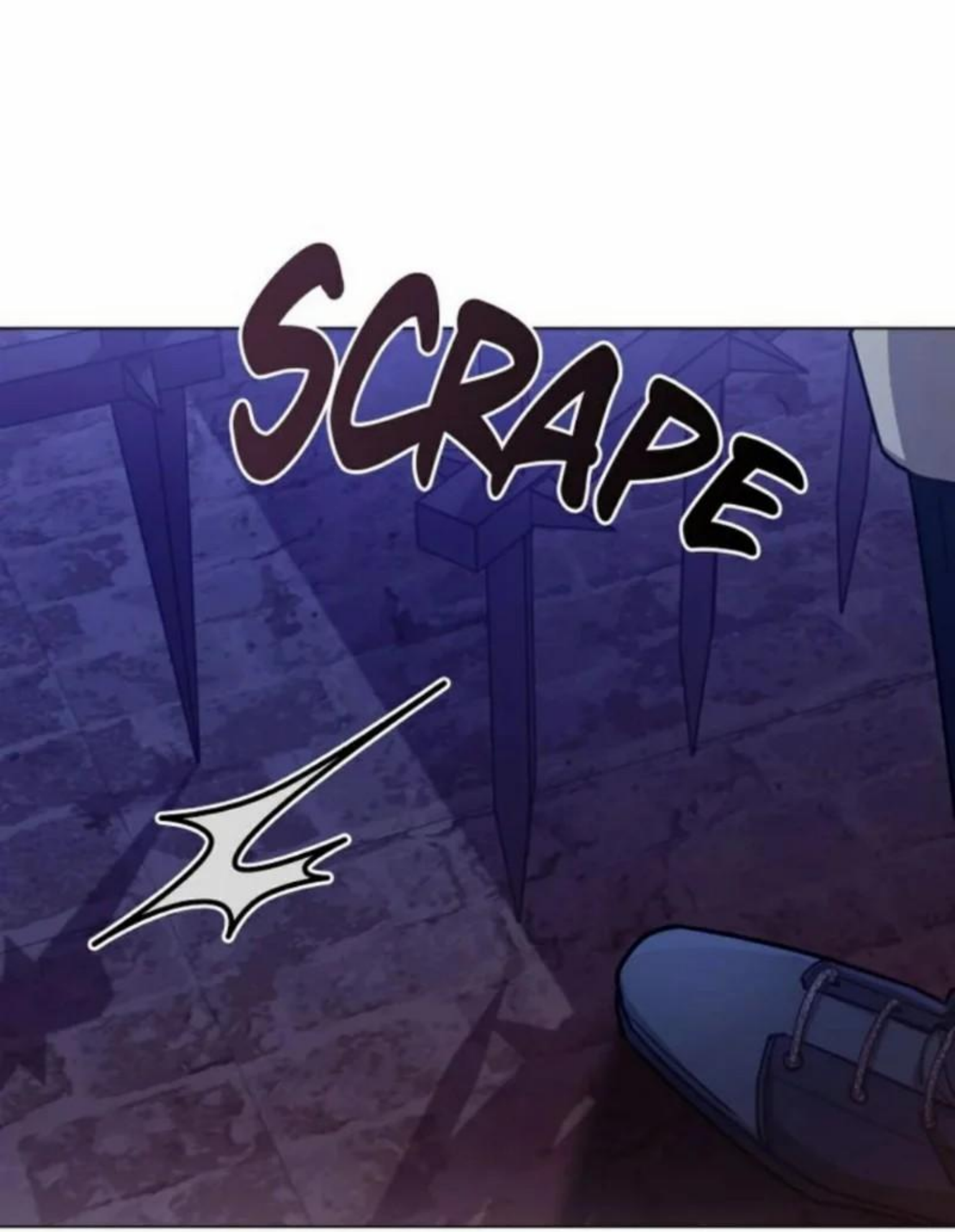
WHIP!

JUMP!

Y-YOUR GRACE!

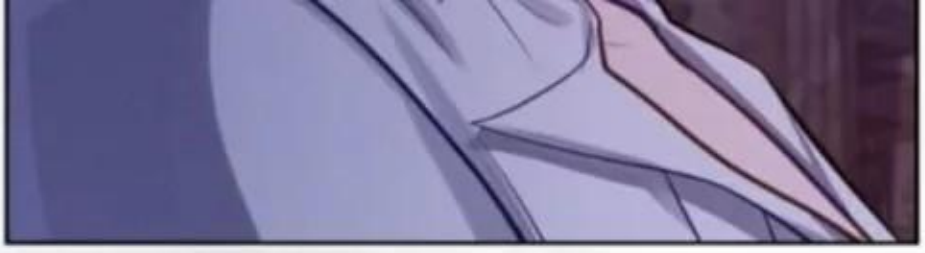
LEAVE US.
BOW
YES, YOUR GRACE.

I WONDER
IF HE HEARD
US...!


SCRAPE

IT APPEARS
YOU'VE BEEN TOYING
WITH MY WIFE.

HEH, THOSE WORDS DON'T SEEM BEFITTING FOR A DUKE.



WINCE

I'VE NO IDEA
HOW YOU MANAGED
TO CHARM LILY...

BUT JUST KNOW, YOU AND I ARE IN THE SAME POSITION.

SO LET'S SEE WHO SHE TRULY TRUSTS IN THE END.

YOU TALK AS IF YOU ALREADY KNOW.

OF COURSE I DO.

SHE'S BEEN SUFFERING HER ENTIRE LIFE BECAUSE OF HER FAMILY...

AND SHE THINKS
IT'S HER FAULT THAT
HER MOTHER
DIED.

THERE'S NOT A SINGLE PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO CAN MAKE HER BELIEVE OTHERWISE.

NO ONE EXCEPT HER.

THAT'S WHY I BECAME A SOURCE OF COMFORT FOR HER,

SOMEONE SHE COULD LEAN ON WHENEVER SHE WAS SUFFERING.

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BUT NOW,
YOU'VE TAKEN
THAT FROM HER.

YOU TOOK AWAY HER
SENSE OF COMFORT
AND ALLOWED HER
TO SUFFER.

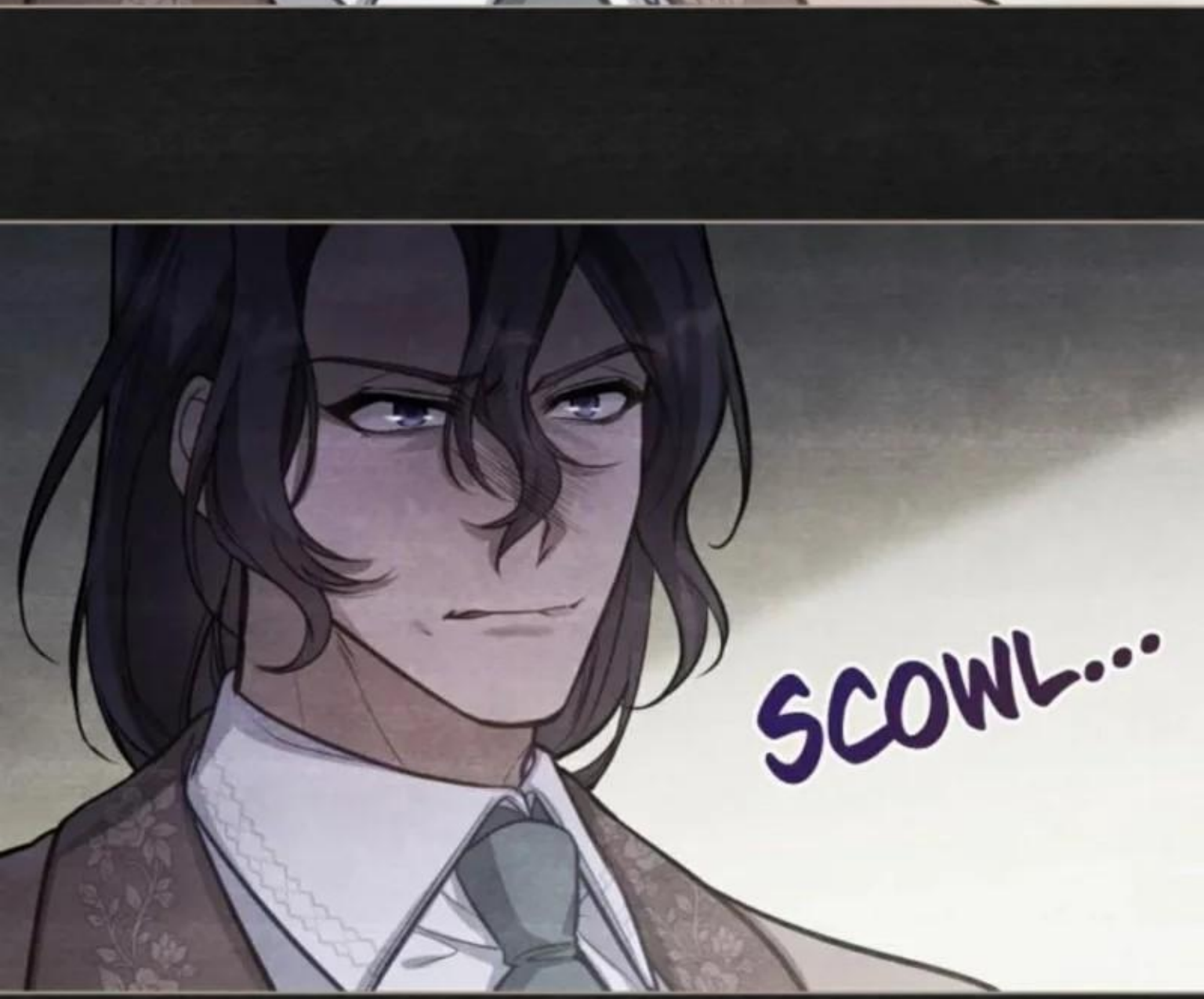
...I HEARD YOU WORKED YOUR WAY UP TO THE TOP OF THE MERCHANT GUILD.

EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE MUST'VE BEEN BECAUSE...

YOU LOVE HER.

WHOOSH

BUT SHE
NEVER LOOKED
AT YOU, CORRECT?
SHE ALWAYS TURNED
YOU DOWN.


SCOWL...

NONE OF YOUR METHODS HAVE WORKED THUS FAR, SO YOU'VE RESORTED TO THREATS.

HOW ARE
YOU ANY
DIFFERENT...

FROM
SHYLOCK ISLES?

BURST!

AND WHAT

MAKES YOU ANY DIFFERENT?!

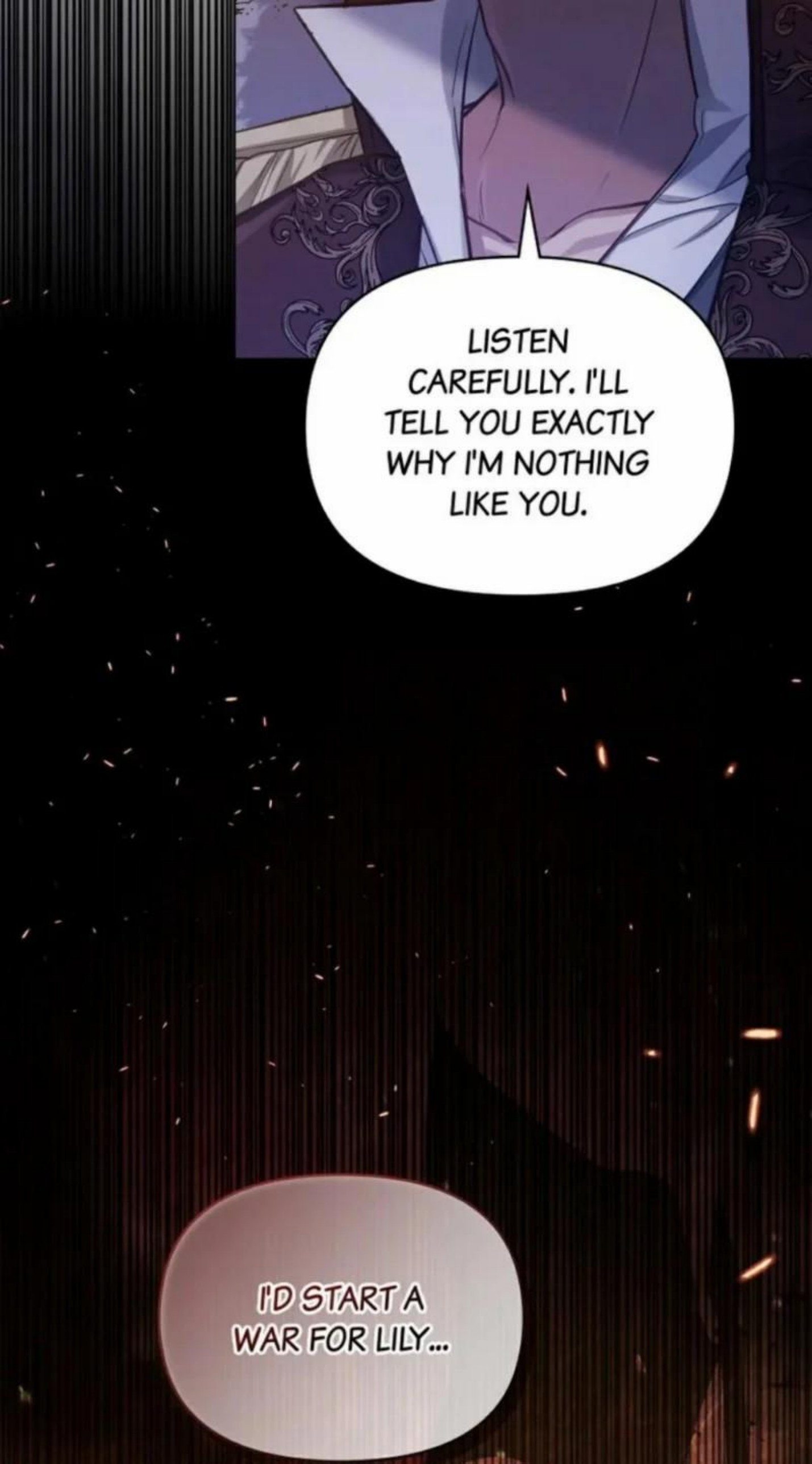
ALL YOU WANTED WAS A SUBMISSIVE WIFE WITH A PRETTY FACE!

SHING-

FWD

IF THAT REALLY
WERE THE CASE,
YOU'D HAVE LOST YOUR
HEAD ALREADY.

DO YOU REALLY THINK THE REASON YOU'RE STILL ALIVE IS BECAUSE I'VE CHOSEN TO SHOW YOU MERCY?


LISTEN CAREFULLY. I'LL TELL YOU EXACTLY WHY I'M NOTHING LIKE YOU.
I'D START A WAR FOR LILY...

STEP

STEP

AND IF SHE
SO DESIRED,

STEP

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I'D BE MORE THAN
HAPPY TO BOW DOWN
TO HER AND BECOME
BUT A TROPHY
TO HER.

SO GET OFF
YOUR HIGH HORSE,
TRISTAN.

EVERYTHING THAT
WAS TAKEN FROM LILY,
I VOW TO RESTORE
TO HER.

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TO BE CONTINUED...

Thank you for reading

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HIS GRACE SAYS HE HAS BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO TONIGHT, MY LADY.

I'LL ESCORT YOU TO YOUR CHAMBERS IF YOU'RE TIRED.

ALL RIGHT,
LET'S GO IN A BIT,
TALLIN. LET ME JUST
FINISH LOOKING OVER
THESE FIRST.

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RUSTLE

HE'S DISCARDED ALL THESE IMPERIAL GIFTS...

WHY WOULD HE CAST ASIDE SUCH VALUABLE OFFERINGS?

STILL, IT SEEMS HIS ESTATE HAS EVERYTHING. AND THERE'S NO SIGN OF MISAPPROPRIATION EITHER.

THOUGH... IT CAN'T BE EASY TAKING CARE OF ALL THE PEOPLE LIVING HERE.

TAKE A LOOK AROUND...

IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ME.

MUMBLE...

HE'S A GOOD DUKE... AND A GOOD HUSBAND.

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FLIP
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF BOOK THIS IS...

A RECORD
OF BEASTS AND
MONSTERS...?

HUH?
WHAT'S THIS?

SPARKLE

CRASH!

STARTLED

LILY!!!

YELL

I NEED TO SPEAK WITH YOU!

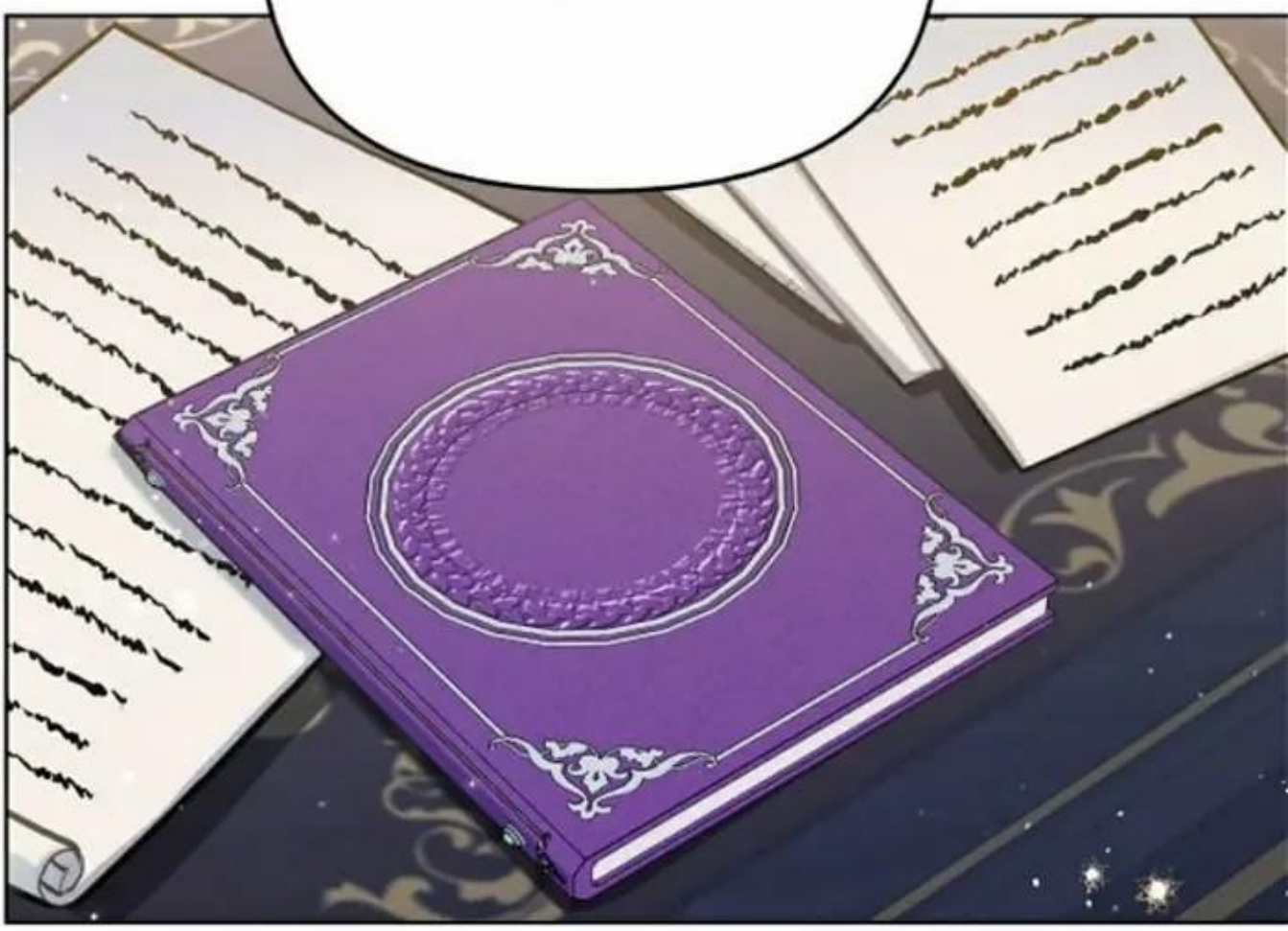
...WHAT'S THIS ABOUT, TALLIN?

SHUT

YANK!

MY APOLOGIES.
BOW
DASH
HAA... HE'S INCREDIBLY STUB—
...AHEM, HE WISHES TO DISCUSS SOMETHING WITH YOU, MY LADY.

TRISTAN TOLD ME EVERYTHING.



HE SAID THE REASON YOU GOT MARRIED WAS BECAUSE OF US...

I'M SO SORRY.

LILY.

DANNY,
WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?

TRISTAN ALSO
TOLD ME HE'S IN
PRISON OVER A QUARREL
WITH THE DUKE...

AND THAT THE DUKE STARTED BRANDISHING HIS SWORD, SO TRISTAN... HE...

!!!

VLAD HAS...

A SWORD?

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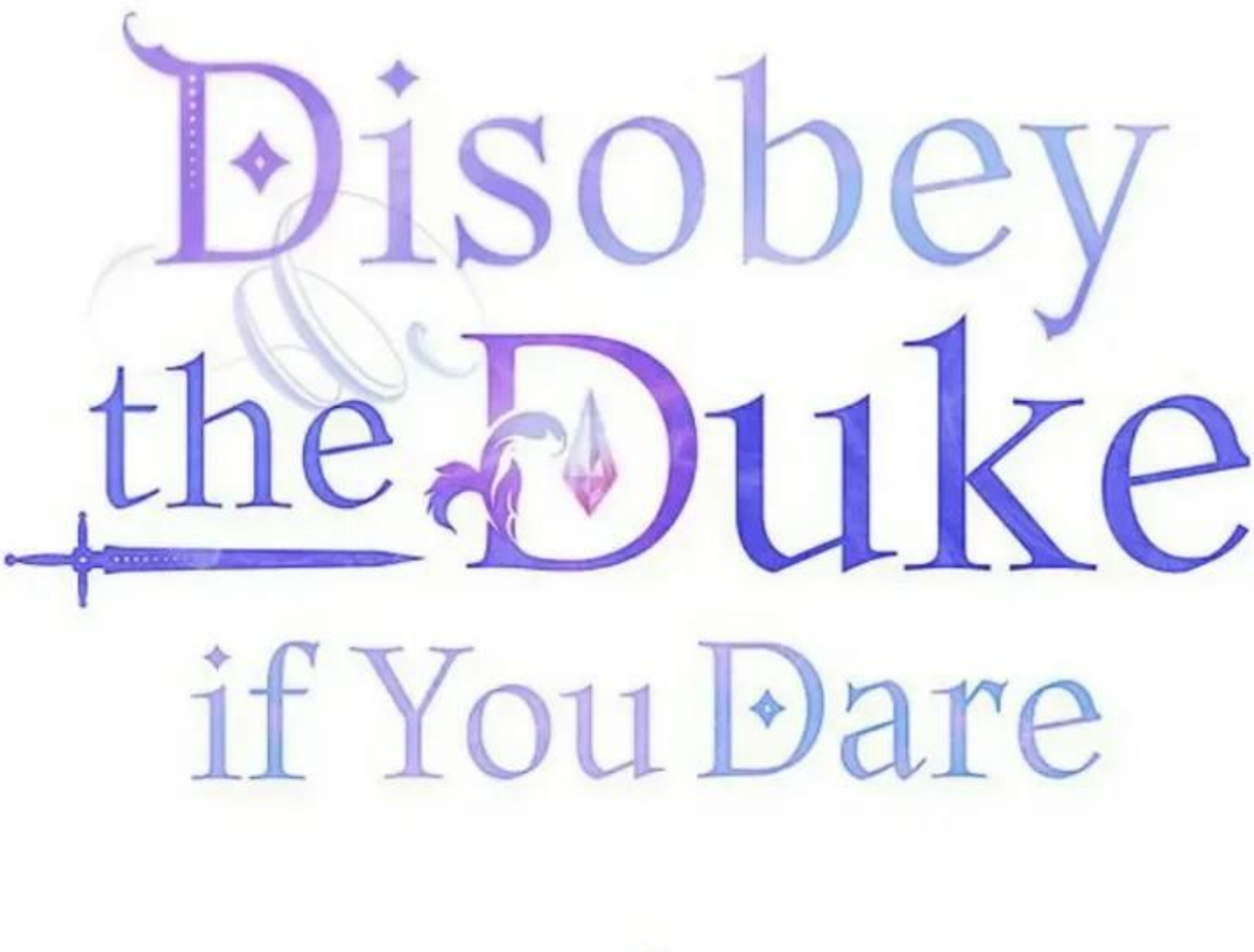

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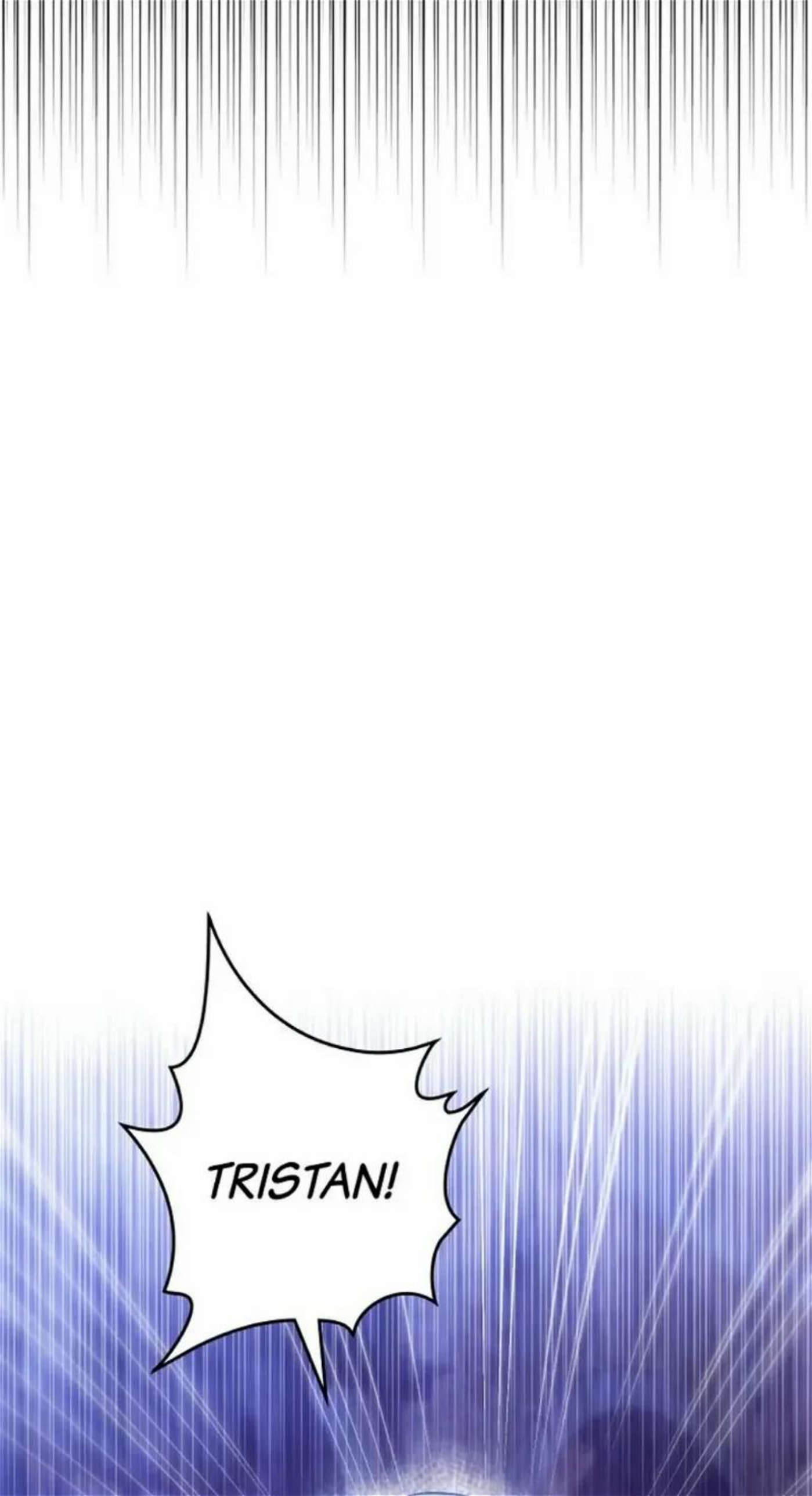
DASH!


TRISTAN!

THERE'S NO NEED TO SHED BLOOD, VLAD!

PLEASE,
SPARE HIM...

LILY...
WHAT FEELINGS DO YOU HARBOR FOR THIS MAN?

IS MY DUCHESS... REALLY MAKING A REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THIS... OFFENDER?

CLANG!

SIGH...

I HAVE NEITHER THE COURAGE NOR THE RIGHT...

TO HEAR HER ANSWER.

STEP

BUT WHY ELSE WOULD SHE ASK ME, HER *HUSBAND*, TO SPARE ANOTHER MAN'S LIFE...?

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VLAD, THIS ISN'T ABOUT TRISTAN. I'M DOING THIS FOR MYSELF.

FREEZE

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW INCREDIBLY AWFUL IT FEELS TO JUST SIT AROUND AND WAIT

FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS.

CLACK

CLACK

SO, THIS TIME,
I WANTED TO TAKE
MATTERS INTO MY
OWN HANDS.

TRISTAN'S MY RESPONSIBILITY.

TRISTAN HOLDS A PROMINENT POSITION WITHIN THE MERCHANT GUILD.

WE COULD USE THAT LEVERAGE TO DEMAND FAIR COMPENSATION.

AND WHY SHOULD I DO THAT?

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ALL I WANTED WAS FOR US TO HAVE A CONVERSATION SO THAT WE COULD LEARN

HOW MANY VICTIMS THERE'VE BEEN AND HOW WE CAN MAKE REPARATIONS.

WINCE

STRIDE

VLAD...

I LIKED YOU
BETTER WHEN I DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT YOU
LOOKED LIKE...

BACK THEN, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU WERE

BECAUSE I COULDN'T SEE YOU... I COULDN'T SEE THE EMOTION ON YOUR FACE.

BUT STANDING
BEFORE YOU NOW,

I FEEL LIKE

THERE'S A WALL BETWEEN US...

DRIP...

DRIP...

I... I CAN'T LIVE THIS WAY...

NOT WITH YOU

LIKE THIS.

WHEN DID TEARS
BEGIN STREAMING
DOWN MY FACE...?

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WHEN WAS I SUDDENLY IN HIS GENTLE EMBRACE...?

HE WAS MORE SCARED THAN I WAS.

HE HELD ME SO GENTLY IT WAS AS IF HE FEARED EVEN JUST A BIT OF HIS STRENGTH WOULD CRUSH ME.

TALLIN.

THAT MAN'S FATE...
WILL BE DETERMINED
BY MY WIFE.

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I UNDERSTAND, YOUR GRACE.
BOW

LILY,

RISE...

THERE'S SOMETHING...

I MUST TELL YOU.

THE REASON I HID MY FACE FROM YOU.

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